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February 18, 2025 RE: Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact HB56 To the Honorable Members of the House Professional Registration and Licensing Committee: My name is Aaron Bumann and I am a pediatric dentist in Liberty and Kansas City Missouri, representing the Missouri Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. The Academy is in support of HB56 with the goal of increasing providers in Missouri. A huge proportion of Missouri children are still in need of a dental home. With only 24% of our most at risk children on medicaid with a dental visit of any kind, we have a long way to go to provide the dental care that Missouri families need. The fact of the matter is that we need more help. We need more dentists and dental hygienists to help those in our communities who need us most. HB56 would allow for licensure portability, cutting through red tape for those who want to call Missouri home. Every day myself and my colleagues work with families from around the state that often travel hours to see us and our abilities to safely and humanly treat the dental needs of their children. Many of the youngest and most severely effected children require treatment in an operating room setting to safely treat their dental needs. Our goal is optimal oral health for all Missouri Children. If we have the robust network of dental homes available for children and families, then more of those children will get the age 1 dental visits they need, and parents will have access to diet and hygiene education to prevent disease and lower the need for expensive treatment and sedation. There is real benefit to be gained with HB56 and licensure portability and I encourage you to vote in support of the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact. Sincerely, Aaron Bumann DDS Missouri Academy of Pediatric Dentistry President and Public Policy Advocate



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| I am in Support of this Bill. | | | |



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Chairman Knight and fellow members of the House Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing: My name is Debra Fletcher Adams, and I am a Registered Dental Hygienist, licensed in Missouri for almost 46 years. During that time, Missouri is the only state in which I have maintained a dental hygiene license and practiced clinical dental hygiene. I reside in District #123, and I support HB56, as presented by its sponsor Rep. Jeff Coleman of District #32. HB56 is a well written bill with regard to legalities to protect the public, and in its intent to allow Missouri to join a state dental compact to make it easier for licensed dentists and dental hygienists, from other authorized dental compact member states, to obtain a Missouri license to practice. HB56 provides one way to address the access to dental and dental hygiene care issue within Missouri by enhancing licensure portability. Two states bordering Missouri, Kansas and Iowa, have already enacted dental and dental hygiene compact legislation. HB56 would allow licensed Kansas and Iowa dentists and dental hygienists to more easily work in Missouri as long as they meet the licensure standards set forth in the bill's language. For example, a dental hygienist licensed in Kansas or Iowa could cross the state line and work at a Missouri dental clinic after meeting the licensure standards set forth in HB56 which are less complicated than current Missouri regulations. It's not uncommon for licensed dental hygienists residing in Missouri areas close to another state to work part-time in two separate dental clinics where one clinic is located in Missouri and the other clinic is in the state bordering Missouri. I live within 30 minutes of the Fort Leonard Wood Army base, and Missouri is home to several other military installations. HB56 would provide a less complex pathway for a licensed dentist or dental hygienist married to a military spouse to engage in work when their husband or wife is assigned to a Missouri installation. This can happen when Missouri joins a state dental compact. Assuming that the licensee holds a license from a member compact state that individual could begin to seek Missouri licensure as soon as their spouse is given notice for assignment. For several years, I have served as a dental hygiene examiner with the two current national clinical dental examining agencies (CRDTS-SRTA and CDCA-WREB-CITA which administers the ADEX exam) *. From an examiner point of their view, the two clinical dental hygiene exams are very similar in content, criteria, and their administrative methodology. It is very pleasing that HB56 does not name a specific clinical dental testing agency as part of the requirements set forth to qualify a licensed dentist or dental hygienist to apply for Missouri licensure. As a former member of the Missouri Advisory Commission for Dental Hygienists, I can state with familiarity that the Missouri Dental Board has maintained a long history of accepting all clinical dental competency exams for licensure (20 CSR 2110-2.010 Licensure by Examination-Dentists and 20 CSR 2110-2.050 Licensure by Examination-Dental Hygienists. The board has not singled out one specific clinical exam for licensure. I respectfully ask that you vote HB56 unanimously out of your committee and set it on the path for acceptance by the House and Senate. Submitted by Debra Fletcher Adams, RDH, BSDH, MA

*Before these two dental clinical examining agencies

came into being in recent years, they formerly existed as five distinct regional dental examining agencies thus their current names reflect the five merging into two separate agencies. CITA: the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies; CDCA: the Commission for Dental Competency Assessments formerly known as NERB, the Northeast Regional Board; CRDTS: Central Regional Dental Testing Services; SRTA: States Services for Testing and Assessments, formerly known as the Southern Regional Testing Agency, and WREB: Western Regional Examining Board. ADEX stands for American Board of Dental Examiners a newer (as compared in age to the former five distinct regional examining agencies) organization that develops and administers clinical licensure exams for dentists and dental hygienists. ADEX is often closely associated with CDCA which was the first examining agency to utilize the ADEX exam. Currently, CDCA-WREB-CITA utilize ADEX services.



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The Missouri Coalition for Oral Health supports the passage of HB56. This will help with dental workforce shortages facing Missouri, which impact rural Missourians especially.



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As a past member of the of the Missouri Dental Board and Board Examiner, their always needs to be a patient based exam to exhibit a base line level of competency for the standard of care. By not doing this, we put the entire public at risk of negligible care by the possible incompetency that was not evaluated in a patient based platform examination entity. Our first moral and ethical obligation is to protect our most cherished Missouri Residents from the repercussions of potential negligible incompetency. By administrating a patient based Board Examination, this greatly reduces the gap of this happening. Sincerely, Dr. Eric J Aubert



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We write today in opposition to H.B. 56, which we believe substantially reduces public health safety in Missouri. Since its chartering by the U.S. Congress in 1896, the American Association of Dental Boards has been the voice of state dental boards for the protection of public health. The Missouri Board of Dental Examiners has been a member of the AADB for decades. H.B. 56 has many issues and concerns:

- It fails to mandate full reporting of disciplinary issues and criminal history, limiting your state's ability to protect patients effectively.
- The DDH compact does not give a state dental board authority over persons practicing under a compact privilege.
- The DDH compact undermines state authority by giving an unelected commission quasi-legislative powers in your state.
- It creates an unelected taxing authority with the power to levy annual assessments on participating states, resulting in unpredictable fiscal impacts.
- The compact weakens public safety by potentially allowing unqualified dental professionals to practice across state lines.
- The DDH compact may exacerbate workforce shortages in your state by facilitating an exodus of dental professionals to more lucrative markets.
- The DDH compact may benefit large Dental Support Organizations (DSOs) at the expense of local dental practices and patient safety.
- Weaker standards in the DDH compact could lead to increased malpractice claims, as seen in states that have dropped hand-skills examination requirements.

H.B. 56 is substantially different from the Medical Compact and Nursing Compacts that have been accepted for several years. The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact was drafted by the Federation of State Medical Boards in 2014, and the Nurse Licensure Compact was developed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing in 1999. The Council of State Governments had no role in drafting those compacts, and properly so. The appropriate regulatory boards—who are responsible for protecting public health in their states—drafted those compacts. Importantly, those compacts preserve each state's authority over any practitioners in their state. By contrast, H.B. 56—drafted by the Council on State Governments with no advice from the AADB—is modeled on the cosmetology compact. While the weak public protections in H.B. 56 might be appropriate for cosmetology, they are wholly inappropriate for medical professionals such as dentists, who administer anesthesia, prescribe controlled substances, and perform surgery with almost every dental procedure. We ask that you protect the dental health of Missouri's citizens by voting against H.B. 56.



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As a dental hygienist, former Vice Chair of the Missouri Board of Dentistry, I am opposed to HB 56 because it will substantially alter & lower the current licensure standards for the dental profession in Missouri. As a long time dental hygiene examiner, I'm most worried that a hand skills examination will not be required. Not only does this create 2 different sets of licensure requirements in the state, there may be possible harm to the Missouri public by practitioners who aren't ready to practice. These remote practitioners are also not required to complete the continuing education requirements established by the MO Board of dentistry to ensure continued competence. Please vote no on HB 56