

March 29, 2021

Dear Madam Chair Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee,

I am writing to express my support for a dental assistant member on the North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners. Dental Assistants are a very important part of the dental team and should be represented as the dental hygiene profession is.

I am a registered dental assistant in North Dakota and have been in the profession for 13 years. I am also a licensed dental assistant in Minnesota and certified by the Dental Assisting National Board. I serve on the board of the North Dakota Dental Assistants Association and fill the education role as I have been in dental assisting education for the past 7 years.

The profession is progressing, and more duties are being delegated to dental assistants. Representation on the North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners would be fitting to keep members of the professional educated properly on rules and legislation. It is important for dental assistants to have input on the North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners. The North Dakota Dental Assistants Association has been asking for this for years and we are very exciting to get this opportunity. I greatly appreciate your time and consideration on ND House Bill 1151.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chanel Malone' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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