



January 31, 2017

Bridgett Anderson LDA, MBA  
Executive Director  
Minnesota Board of Dentistry  
2829 University Ave SE Suite 450  
Minneapolis, MN 55414-3249

Dear Ms. Anderson,

On behalf of the Minnesota Dental Association, I write in support of the proposed changes as enumerated below and being brought forth by the Board of Dentistry. The changes include the establishment of an Emeritus license and three technical changes to Minnesota Statute 150A.

The establishment of an Emeritus license will allow retired dentists to keep their membership benefits in connection to the dental community. An Emeritus license will also allow individuals who no longer wish to practice clinical dentistry to hold Emeritus status rather than succumb their license to a Voluntary Surrender.

Additionally, the proposed changes to Minnesota Statute 150A include a change that brings Minnesota Statute 150A.06 Subd. 8 in line with what the Board of Dentistry currently requires for the licensure of dental assistants by requiring a licensee to have evidence of completion of a CODA accredited program and be certified by the Dental Assisting National Board. Furthermore, the proposed change to Minnesota Statute 150A.06 Subd. 3 would add the remaining allied dental professionals to the section on Waiver of Examination. Lastly, the change to Minnesota Statute 150A.10 Subd. 4 would allow a licensed dental hygienist or licensed dental assistant to place, contour, and adjust class II and class V supragingival composite restorations on primary and permanent dentition.

We support these changes and urge the adoption of this language by the Minnesota State Legislature

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carmelo Cinqueonce".

Carmelo Cinqueonce, MBA  
Executive Director