

Oppose HB 499

Dear Chair and members of the committee,

As a frequent user of dental services, I visited multiple offices of different dental specialties over many years. I can vouch for cleanliness and adherence to the best infection prevention practices in such offices. Moreover, I trust the dentist's education and experience to do everything in their power to prevent even slightest infections without undue hardship to the patient.

There is no reason to force upon hard-working dentists an authority and financial obligation of some secretive board, following arbitrary guidelines of some politically-motivated government agency. The dentists are the most educated and experienced members of the society, and do not need external "guidance" for a practice that is one of the core areas of their expertise.

Maryland citizens can expect no measurable benefit from this policy. It can only strive to achieve a more of a top-down bureaucratic control and government interference in private business and citizen matters.

Please vote unfavorably.

Sincerely,
Mark Meyerovich
Gaithersburg, MD
District 15