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Testimony in Opposition of HB 1030
State Board of Dental Examiners – Membership
Nomination and Appointment Process
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Madam Chair, Madam Vice Chair, and members of the House Health & Government Operation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written today in opposition of HB 1030. My name is Charles Doring and I am general dentist in Rockville Maryland. Along with providing dental care in an office setting, I also provide portable dentistry and I am on the medical staff of several nursing homes in Montgomery County. I am also the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair for the Maryland State Dental Association and recently named to the Provider Advisory Board of the Maryland Health Smiles (Medicaid). I am also a member of the Deans Faculty at our dental school, the University of Maryland School of Dentistry (UMSOD).

The current nomination and selection process of who is appointed to the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners is a fair and just way that has served the licenses dentist and dental hygienist of Maryland well. The fairness is in that the oral health providers in Maryland have input in potential members of the Board of Dental Examiners. The justice is that regulatory and disciplinary decisions made by our peers, a cornerstone of our current justice system. HB 1030 would remove any input of Maryland of licensed Maryland dentists and dental hygienists in the nomination process. Nominations solely by dental organizations or by petitions submitted directly to the Governor totally bypassed the input of the individual practioner and vetted by their peers.

For these reasons and those outlined in the opposition laid out in the testimony of the Maryland State Dental Association, I ask for an unfavorable report on HB 1030.

Sincerely,

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