



# Germantown Pediatric Dental Center

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Dear Madam Chairman and Vice Chairman,

My name is Samantha Ladeira, I am a registered dental hygienist working with Germantown Pediatric Dentistry. Our practice provides dental services and oral health education to children of all ages and dental/health conditions. We have been working with hospitals for many years to provide services to children with circumstances and conditions that require treatment in a hospital setting. Some examples of these patients include patients with special needs, patients with severe and life-threatening oral conditions, and patients that require specific sedation. For some children and families, in patient treatment in a hospital setting is the only option in order to successfully treat these dangerous conditions.

Over the recent years, it has become increasingly more difficult to schedule patients with these hospitals. As of now, we have a waiting list of over 20 patients that desperately need treatment that a regular dental office can not provide. It is imperative that we re-establish this damaged relationship between dental providers and the hospitals, to allow more access to care to those that desperately need it. This is an extremely urgent matter that could cost children their lives. We implore that you give attention to this matter.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Samantha and Dr. Irma Echandy



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