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SB0538- Dental Compact

This is a recommendation to support HB0534- dental compact related to the American Association of Dental Boards Interstate dental and dental hygiene licensure compact (IDDLC). I am a constituent in the Baltimore County, Maryland. I have practiced dentistry in Maryland are over 50 years and served eight years of our state board of dental examiners.

I support SB0538 because it serves the citizens of the State of Maryland and protects our citizens. There would be no cost to the state government as a CSG compact would initiate fee for Maryland's treasury.

I support SB0538 because it will allow for our state government to control who practices dentistry within our state and allow the state board to regulate and supervise our dentist and dental hygienist.

I support SB0538 because it has uniform and clear standards consistent with our state laws.

I support SB0538 because it will allow qualified professionals practice across state lines easily.

SB0021 that is a Council of State government (CSG) has many flaws and would not protect the citizens of Maryland. It undermines the authority to regulate dentistry in the State of Maryland. It creates taxing authority for our state treasury and professional that practice in Maryland. SB0021 provides no benefit for dentistry, our citizens, or our state.

I truly believe that our state legislators need to understand the difference between privilege and licensure. Our state legislators should read both compacts and talk to their personal dentists and dental hygienists to get their input.

Thank you for your time in understanding my concerns.


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