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HB0534- Dental Compact (AADB) and (IDDLIC) FAVORABLE

This is a recommendation to support HB0534- the dental compact related to the American Association of Dental Boards Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact (IDDLIC). I am a constituent who lives in Baltimore County, Maryland. I have practiced dentistry the Maryland for over 50 years and served eight years on the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners. I am currently a part time faculty member at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry.

I support HB0534 because it serves the citizens of the State of Maryland and protects our citizens. There will be no cost to the state government. The CGS dental compact would initiate fees for the Maryland treasury and those that practice within our state.

I support HB0534 because it will allow our state government to control who practices dentistry within our state and allow the state board to regulate and supervise our dentists and dental hygienists.

I support HB0534 because it has uniform and clear standards consistent with our state laws.

I support HB0534 because it allows professionals to practice across state lines easily.

HB0045 – Dental Compact (CGS/ADA) and (DDH) UNFAVORABLE

The dental compact council of state government (CGS) and dental and dental hygiene compact (DDH) 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 to levy funds from our state treasury and fees from the professionals that practice in Maryland. **HB0045 provides no benefit for dentistry, our citizens, or our state.**

I truly believe that our state legislators need to understand the differences 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 and understanding my concerns. This is a very important issue.



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