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Dan Logsdon, Director
National Center for Interstate Compacts
The Council of State Governments
1776 Avenue of the States
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Dear Mr. Logsdon:

On behalf of the American Dental Association, we write to express our full support for the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact. The American Dental Association works side by side with our 159,000 member dentists to achieve optimal health for all. We have long standing policy calling for states to support a licensure compact to allow freedom of movement for dentists and dental hygienists across state lines. We believe that the licensure compact will increase licensees' mobility, facilitate quality oral health care for the public, and support relocating challenges for military members and their families.

Further, states and their regulatory boards will benefit by providing agreement on uniform licensure requirements, a shared data system for access to primary source documentation of applicant credentials and tracking of adverse actions. Cooperation and immediate availability of information among state boards is critical to protecting the public and will be enhanced.

Importantly, the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact will preserve and strengthen the current system of state licensure, ensuring each member state's authority to regulate the profession. Dentists and dental hygienists utilizing the compact must abide by the laws and rules of the state in which they are practicing and adhere to that state's scope of practice.

With these benefits in mind, the American Dental Association fully supports the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact.

Sincerely,



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President



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cc: Mr. Matthew Shafer, deputy policy director, National Center for Interstate Compacts, CSG
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