

September 25, 2023

Dan Logsdon, Director
National Center for Interstate Compacts
The Council of State Governments Center of Innovation
1776 Avenue of the States
Lexington, KY 40511

Dear Mr. Logsdon:

As the agency of the American Dental Association responsible for submission of the grant application selected by the U.S. Department of Defense to develop an interstate compact, the Council of Dental Education and Licensure (Council) writes to affirm its continued support of the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact.

The Council commends the transparent process used to determine the scope of the compact, draft the legislation, and seek feedback from communities of interest by engaging with state board members, board administrators, members of professional organizations, licensed dentists and dental hygienists, and other stakeholders.

The Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact will preserve and strengthen the current system of state licensure. Each member state's authority to regulate the profession is ensured, as the 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.

States and regulatory boards will benefit by providing agreement on uniform licensure requirements as the compact serves as an instrumentality of the compact states and the commission's delegates will be representatives from each state's licensing board. A shared data system for access to primary source documentation will enhance the cooperation among state boards which is critical to protecting the public.

This effort answers the professions' call for increased portability and the ADA's Council on Dental Education and Licensure continues in its unwavering support of the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact.

Sincerely,



James D. Nickman, D.D.S., M.S.
2022-2023 Chair
Council on Dental Education and Licensure



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2023-2024 Chair
Council on Dental Education and Licensure

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Jason A. Tanguay, D.D.S.
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Council on Dental Education and Licensure

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cc: Dr. George Shepley, president, American Dental Association
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