



## COALITION FOR MODERNIZING DENTAL LICENSURE

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Dear Coalition Partners,

The Coalition for Modernizing Dental Licensure has two key goals. One of the goals is to increase licensure portability across all licensing jurisdictions in the United States. There has been significant progress toward this goal with the development of the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact. This letter affirms the Coalition's continued support of the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact as an excellent solution to address the ongoing challenge of licensure portability.

Created by the Council of State Governments with support from the Department of Defense, the American Dental Association, and the American Dental Hygienists' Association, the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact brought together stakeholders from across the professions including state board members, board administrators, members of professional organizations, and licensed dentists and dental hygienists to determine the scope and content of the compact. Like many other healthcare compacts already in existence, the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact will allow dentists and dental hygienists who hold a license in good standing the opportunity to practice in other compact member states, without having to go through the often expensive and time-intensive process of applying for a license in each state.

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.

The Coalition encourages our partners to review and utilize the legislative language along with a toolkit of resources including an explanation of the development process, a section-by-section summary, and FAQs are available on the [DDH Compact website](#). Questions? Please contact us at [info@dentallicensure.org](mailto:info@dentallicensure.org).

Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration. The Coalition stands ready to support the efforts to advance licensure portability across the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph P. Crowley, DDS." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joseph Crowley, DDS  
Chair, Coalition for Modernizing Dental Licensure