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Assembly Commerce and Labor Committee

I am Caryn Solie, a licensed dental hygienist in Reno/Sparks and co-chair of the Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association (NDHA) Government Affairs Committee. I have been a full time practicing dental hygienist for 54 years and in that time, I have experienced the challenges of obtaining my dental hygiene license in 5 separate states.

The NDHA recognizes the workforce issues in the post Covid era and has collaborated with the Nevada Dental Association to bring forward AB 143.

The Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association (NDHA) has had a policy endorsing license portability since 2001, therefore NDHA supports the Dentist/Dental Hygienist Compact, an initiative of the Department of Defense, the Council of State Governments, the American Dental Association, and the American Dental Hygienists' Association, designed to increase license portability for dental professionals. Key considerations for Nevada are:

Benefits for the State

- Promotes workforce development and strengthens labor markets.
- Expands consumer access to highly qualified practitioners.
- Enhance public safety through a shared interstate data system of licensure and disciplinary information.
- Preserves each state's sovereignty.

Benefits for State Dentistry Licensing Authorities

- Reduces administrative burden.
- Creates a compact information system that supports the facilitation of licensure and discipline information for dentists and dental hygienists.
- Expands cooperation among state licensure boards on investigations and disputes.
- Allows regulators to retain jurisdiction over licensees practicing in their state.

Benefits for Practitioners

- Facilitates mobility for licensees.
- Expands employment opportunities into new markets.
- Eases the burden of applying for and maintaining multiple licenses.

Thank you for your consideration in our request to move the Dentist/Dental Hygienist Compact into Nevada statute.

Respectfully,

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