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Via Email: consultations@oralhealthbc.ca

Dear BCCOHP:

Re: BCCOHP Proposed Bylaws

As the collective voice for dental hygienists in British Columbia, we are writing to provide feedback regarding BCCOHP's proposed bylaws. We appreciate the opportunity to share the collective views of dental hygienists across BC who will be directly impacted by the new bylaws.

BCDHA hosted three member presentations over the past month to ensure our members were well informed about the proposed bylaws and to provide an opportunity for our members to communicate their thoughts and opinions directly with their professional association. We are sharing those views with you by way of this correspondence.

BCDHA and its members are very pleased with the proposal that all dental hygienists will be able to own and operate their own independent dental hygiene practices, without the additional requirement of holding a degree. This is a very positive step toward increasing access to preventive oral health care for all British Columbians and we applaud BCCOHP for this initiative. We support all initiatives by the governing body that will enable dental hygienists to practice to their full scope and thereby safely and competently promote oral and overall health and prevent oral disease for the public we serve.

Detailed feedback to the proposed bylaws from the dental hygiene community is outlined in the attached summary. We look forward to reviewing Parts 1, 13, and 14 in due course and will again connect with the dental hygienists of BC to ensure they are aware of the importance for BCCOHP to receive feedback from the registrants it governs.

We would be pleased to discuss this matter further should you wish to do so.

Sincerely,

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Attach.