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To Whom it may concern,

Re: Scope of Practice Registration Standard

The Dental Board is proposing to remove the requirement that dentists supervise allied dental practitioners such as dental hygienists, dental therapists and oral health therapists.

I find this proposal alarming. I have been a general dental practitioner for over 40 years now and have worked with and supervised allied dental personnel. Their training is insufficient to allow them to work un-supervised.

Allowing them to perform services for which they have not been trained or educated is a public safety issue and will negatively impact on my patients.

It is unacceptable, a retrograde dangerous step for our profession.

I know from my experience it is a dangerous proposal and must be reversed.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours faithfully. 