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Dear Members of the Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services Committee,

I'm writing as a licensed Maine Dental Hygienist to urge you to vote Ought NOT to Pass (ONTP) on LD 2206: An Act Expanding Access to Oral Health Care by Creating a New Path for Obtaining a License to Practice Dentistry

Dentistry is highly technical and invasive healthcare. The educational models, clinical hour requirements, infection control standards and licensure exams vary widely across countries. I believe all patients deserve the assurance that every dentist practicing in our state has met identical educational and clinical benchmarks.

Please consider the safety of dental care for all Mainers. I respectfully urge you to vote ONTP on LD 2206.

Sincerely,

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