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Dear House Health and Human Services Committee:

I am writing offering my support of House Bill 5075. Having an oral and maxillofacial surgeon (OMS) on the Board of Dentistry will increase public safety by ensuring rigorous consideration of all issues related to anesthesia by the dental provider with the most experience in this area.

As an oral and maxillofacial surgeon and a holder of multiple anesthesia permits, the board frequently asks me to perform office inspections. They ask because they want the highest level of scrutiny and safety for the public. Other dental specialists may have some training in anesthesia and perform anesthesia in their practice, but their experience and daily volume just isn't the same as that of an OMS. Thank you for your time and consideration in this important matter of public safety.

Regards,

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