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From: Maggie Rodriguez Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 1:35 PM To: Board of Dental Examiners Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT NSBDE Teleconference Meeting 8/4/20

Hello everyone,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity for public comment. I'd like to make a quick statement relating to agenda item #5 "Consideration of Applicant's petition for review of Application for Dental Licensure – NRS 631.240 & NAC 631.050". I graduated in May 2020 from the University of Utah School of Dentistry where our original WREB exam had been rescheduled due to shutdowns related to COVID-19, and was rescheduled for manikin-based only in June. This year, after determining that live patient-based exams posed too great a risk for students, patients, auxiliary staff, and examiners, WREB had conducted several beta manikin exams and determined that this alternative was an appropriate and suitable indicator of a student's ability to perform dental treatment on live patients. Due to the extenuating circumstances that prevented myself and many other 2020 graduates from taking live-patient exams, I want to offer a stance in favor of allowing any 2020 graduates who have successfully passed the manikin based WREB exam to qualify to apply for full licensure.

Thank you for your time,

Maggie Rodriguez, DDS

