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Public Comment Delivered by Dr. Mark Funke, President of the Nevada Dental Association during the NSBDE Legislative Committee Meeting on Monday October 5, 2020 at 6pm PST.

Good evening. I am Dr. Mark Funke, President of the Nevada Dental Association. I am here to further support the NDA's letter of request that has been previously submitted regarding regulatory language creation that permits Licensed Dentists and Licensed Dental Hygienists to administer vaccinations permanently and also to provide pandemic vaccination support under Governor Sisolaks's emergency regulation which would be for a period of 120 days.

To reiterate, the Nevada Dental Association is asking for regulations to permit Dentists to administer vaccinations and we are also asking you to consider regulations to also permit hygienists to administer vaccinations; of course under the licensure and oversight of the dentist just as they practice now. However, The Nevada Dental Association is against regulation creation permitting administering vaccinations by Dental Therapists because currently there are no regulations written for a dental therapist and to include them to administer vaccinations would be premature; it would be putting the cart before the horse. The request by the department of health and human services is also only requesting Dentists and Hygienists to be permitted to administer vaccinations.

This regulation would not mandate that all dentists or hygienists be required to administer vaccinations; but it would allow those who wish to do so the ability to take the appropriate training and have the appropriate facilities.

As essential health care providers, Dentists and hygienists can make an impact with vaccination administration in the community at large, with access to care, and during emergency crisis situations such as COVID-19. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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