



February 19, 2014

To
Members of the Vermont state Senate and House of Representatives

Subject: Vermont Technical College LDP curriculum

Dear Senators and Representatives:

I have had the opportunity to review the curriculum proposed by Vermont Technical College for the Licensed Dental Practitioner program, and would like to write in support of the proposed curriculum.

As the President of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD), I served on a panel of nationwide dental educators convened by the AAPHD that reviewed the education and training programs for Alaska Dental Health Aid Therapists and other successful international midlevel dental provider models. Upon reviewing these programs, the panel created an evidence-based framework for dental therapy education in the U.S., which recommended:

- A two-year dental therapy curriculum that culminates with an Associate's degree;
- A one-year curriculum for dental hygienists to be trained in the additional scope of practice needed to become a dental therapist or in Vermont a licensed dental practitioner.

After reviewing the proposed curriculum developed by Vermont Technical College for Licensed Dental Practitioners, I have found that it is consistent with the recommendation made the American Association of Public Health Dentistry panel for dental therapy education.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to improve access to dental services for the underserved populations in Vermont.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anascombas".

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