



October 31, 2018

Senator Steve Yarbrough
President
Arizona State Senate

Representative JD Mesnard
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives

1700 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear President Yarbrough & Speaker Mesnard,

Pursuant to sections 32-3104 and 32-3106, Arizona Revised Statutes, the Arizona Dental Hygienists' Association (AzDHA) hereby submits the attached report requesting an expansion of the scope of practice for the dental hygiene profession.

This proposal requests a modification of statute to:

- Allow a dental hygienist practicing pursuant to an affiliated practice agreement with a dentist to supervise a dental assistant including a dental assistant certified to perform functions pursuant to 32-1291, as specified by the affiliated practice agreement.

The Arizona Dental Hygienists' Association has met with the Arizona Dental Association on this topic and will continue to meet with any interested stakeholders as this issue moves forward. At this time, we do not request an informational hearing before the health committee of reference but will happily appear before the committee to provide information at the chair's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary Busch' in a cursive script.

Mary Busch, RDH, MEd
President
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Cc: Senator Nancy Barto
Representative Heather Carter
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