

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

September 6, 2007

Mike R. Daniel

State of South Carolina

Re: In the Matter of South Carolina State Board of Dentistry, Docket No. 9311

Dear Mr. Daniel:

Thank you for your e-mail message commenting on the proposed consent order in the above-captioned matter, in which you suggest that the order should be strengthened by including a provision requiring that dental hygienists have their own governing board. The Commission has reviewed your comment in connection with its decision whether to give final approval to the proposed consent order and has placed your comment on the public record. The Commission believes that such a restructuring of the state regulatory system is an issue for the South Carolina legislature to decide, not the FTC. After considering your comment, the Commission has determined that the public interest would be served best by issuing the Decision and Order in final form without modification.

We appreciate your interest in this matter. A copy of the final Decision and Order is enclosed for your information.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark Secretary of the Commission

Enclosure