

July 19, 2007

Donald S. Clark, Secretary Federal Trade Commission 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Room H 135 Washington, D.C. 20580 Via Facsimile: (202) 326-3062



RE: South Carolina State Board of Dentistry Docket #9311

Dear Secretary Clark:

The Texas Dental Association supports the position and comments presented to you by the American Dental Association in its July 13, 2007 letter. Specifically, this Association requests that you withdraw your consent decree in the above-referenced Docket #9311.

The Texas Dental Association believes that a consent decree imposing requirements on a state is unnecessary and inappropriate in the situation present in South Carolina. In addition, this Association believes that the regulation of the provision of dental services for children, and the attendant health and safety issues, are questions that should be controlled by the state.

The Texas Dental Association respectfully requests that you withdraw the consent decree in Docket #9311 for the reasons outlined in the communication from the American Dental Association.

Sincerely,

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A. David May, Jr., D.D.S. President

Cc: Mr. Gary Schorr, Director, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission Ms. Tamara Kempf, Chief Legal Counsel, American Dental Association