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Dear Dr. Shane:

The American Dental Association (ADA) is pleased to comment on the National Toxicology Program's (NTP's) Draft Brief on Bisphenol A (BPA). These comments are offered in response to your Federal Register notice of April 15, 2008 (73 FR 20289).

The ADA is America's leading advocate for oral health. We commend the NTP for its comprehensive and objective review of the scientific literature addressing human exposure to BPA. This draft brief provides healthcare professionals and the public with a succinct summary and appears to accurately interpret the evidence on BPA exposures.

The latest peer-reviewed evidence indicates that consumers are not at risk from BPA exposure through the use of dental materials. This conclusion was supported in the NTP's interim draft report, which characterized the leaching of BPA from dental sealants as an "infrequent event with little relevance to estimating general population exposures."

We are aware that some dental sealants — and to a lesser extent dental composites — potentially could contribute to low-levels of BPA exposure. For that reason, we have asked the Dental Trade Alliance and its member companies for information on the potential for BPA exposure from their products.

Consumers must be assured that the materials used to maintain oral health are safe. The Association supports the practice of informing consumers when BPA is used as a dental product ingredient. We further support calls for additional research into human exposure to BPA and any health effects it may cause.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the NTP's latest draft brief. If you have any questions about our comments or require additional information, please contact

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