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To Chairman Hawkins and Members of the Committee:

I believe registered dental hygienists should have the opportunity to enhance our dental education and become licensed, board certified registered dental practitioners. Not only would this be a great career opportunity for dental hygiene professionals and increase jobs in Kansas, it also will allow more people in Kansas seek the care they deserve and need. That is what is most important; the people who are not receiving care due to a shortage of dentists in several counties across Kansas. The RDP will allow dentists to focus on more complex cases. The RDP will use his or her knowledge and high level of clinical skill and care with basic restorative needs and simple extractions. Let's allow RDPs to make a huge impact in the lives of patients who need the high level of care provided where it's currently lacking.

Please support Senate Bill 2079.

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