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House of Representatives Health Committee HI

Dear House of Representatives Health Committee:

I feel that House Bill 1209 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii.

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Committee on Health

Friday, February 13, 2009, 8:30 a.m. Conference Room 329
House Bill 1209 RELATING TO DENTISTRY. Redefines the practice of
dentistry to include tooth whitening.

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Thank you for your consideration of this measure.

Mahalo for your support.

With aloha,

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