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TO: Representative Penterman and Senator Kooyenga
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FROM: William K. Lobb, D.D.S., M.S., M.P.H., Dean of the Marquette University School
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DATE: January 25, 2022

RE: Assembly Bill 857/Senate Bill 824 relating to examinations required for obtaining
a credential

I am writing to you today as I understand the Assembly Committee on Regulatory Licensing Reform is holding a public hearing on Assembly Bill 857 (its Senate companion bill is Senate Bill 824) on January 26, 2022. We appreciate the work of Representative Penterman and Senator Kooyenga on this legislation.

As Dean of the Marquette University School of Dentistry, I wanted to make you aware that we have been discussing the possibility of an alternative exam as part of the dental licensure in Wisconsin with the Dentistry Examining Board. We understand the bill authors did not intend for this legislation to prohibit alternative exams but to prevent additional examinations. As such, the Marquette University School of Dentistry is seeking a friendly amendment either specifically allowing the Dental Examining Board to accept the Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE) as an alternative exam or specifying that the bill does not prohibit Wisconsin licensing boards to accept alternative exams as a condition of licensure. Currently, the Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE) is accepted for initial licensure by Alaska, Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Oregon, and Washington.

We are grateful to Representative Penterman and Senator Kooyenga for their willingness to work with us on this clarification.

I would be happy to discuss this matter if there is a need for further clarification. Please contact Mary Czech-Mrochinski in Marquette University's Office of Public Affairs at mary.czech@marquette.edu or directly at (414) 288-3969. Thank you for your consideration.