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Dr. Wieting and NDA Board of Trustees:

As you all are aware, representatives of the Nebraska dental, dental hygienists' and dental assistants' associations participated in a Task Force for three years to develop a joint proposal for changes in the practice of the professions. In June 2013 that Task Force reported out its conclusions to each of the associations for further action. (The report is attached.) This letter is to clarify that the NDHA's position is that the current proposal put forth by NDA does not reflect the Task Force outcome of June and does not reflect work of the Task Force, but is an independent proposal of the NDA that is substantially different from the Task Force recommendations.

The Nebraska Dental Hygienists' Association cannot support the changes that the Nebraska Dental Association independently made to the Task Force Proposal.

Additionally, the Nebraska Dental Hygienists' Association goal is to *ensure access to quality oral health care and to protect the public*. The NDA proposal does not include the development of educational standards to go along with its proposal. The educational component is **critical** to ensure the safety of the public and maintain standards of care. The Nebraska Dental Hygienists' Association cannot support any proposal without knowing that an adequate, meaningful, and appropriate educational component will be properly addressed. Additionally, we are also concerned about the NDA stifling any expansion of scope and relaxing supervision for hygienists, yet expanding on the job trained, unregulated person's scope with no accountability.

The Nebraska Dental Hygienists' Association still wants to honor the goals and purpose of the original Task Force Committee in addressing the future of the dental profession in Nebraska-as a united group. The Nebraska Dental Hygienists' Association collaborated with the Task Force committee in good faith for over three years. We hope to continue Task Force proposals that enable all three associations (NDA, NDHA, and NDAA) to develop a proposal that all three associations can support.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: June 2013 Task Force Proposal
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