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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of the State of New York
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

We are writing to ask that you give due consideration to resuming dentistry in the State of New York. As per the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA), dentists across our state are anxious to return to the broader practice of dentistry, as dental services have been limited to only emergency dentistry during the onset of this health care crisis as related to COVID-19. NYSDA and their members are now fully prepared to restore all dental services to patients as essential health care services as your administration had fully intended. Under your executive order, dentists are currently the only medical professionals unable to use their expertise and discretion to care for their patients.

The American Dental Association (ADA), working with NYSDA, has a plan for reopening dental offices for all dental services. Their plan which has been shared with the New York State Department of Health is both comprehensive and a thoughtful guide that can be tailored for many other businesses. We can't lose sight of the fact this this profession has always maintained the highest level and use of PPE protection. No other medical practice has such stringent guidelines. These organizations have been successfully dealing with many pandemics and outbreaks including the AIDS crises so we can be assured that their efforts to return to work will be both a smooth and positive one that prioritizing the health and safety of their patients, staff and themselves.

We have also heard from patients who are experiencing issues that can turn into emergencies if left untreated. Tooth infections, gum issues, maintenance of braces and the like can lead to significant pain, damage and infection that could require surgery if left untreated. We can trust these professionals to open up their practices utilizing the most stringent guidelines that they have always followed in their practices.

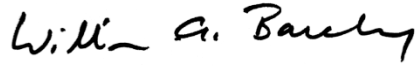
As we begin to reopen New York, dentists can pave the way for a successful transition back to the norm. This would mean so much to our communities both related to their health care but also to a return to the opening up of more essential services. The professional judgment of these organizations is above reproach as they have always maintained the highest standards of practice.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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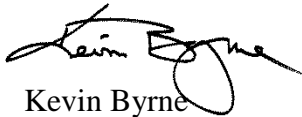
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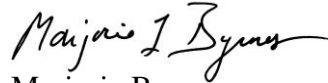
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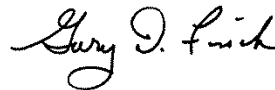
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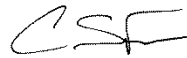
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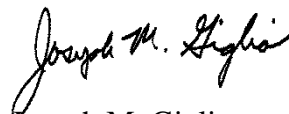
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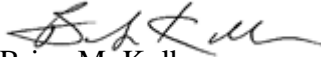
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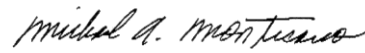
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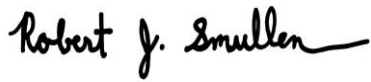
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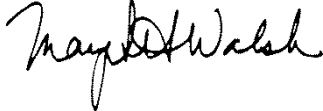
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