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David Albertson, DDS President, Alaska Dental Society 1407 W. 31_{st} Ave #304 Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Dr. Albertson,

The Alaska Board of Dental Examiners supports reinstating a dental specialty license into dentistry statute AS 08.36 of the Alaska State Practice Act.

The Board feels having a specialty license issued to properly qualified dental specialists would help restrict advertising as a dental specialist to only those dentists who have completed the required training. The Board believes it is an important step to help eliminate current and future instances of false or misleading advertising by non-specialist dentists. Such advertising tends to confuse the public as they search for help with their dental needs.

Any assistance the Alaska Dental Society can provide with this endeavor would be welcomed.

Thank you For Your Consideration,

David Nielson, DDS

President, Alaska State Board of Dental Examiners