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To Whom It May Concern,

The Alaska Board of Dental Examiners supports reinstating a dental specialty license into dentistry statute AS 08.36 of the Alaska State Practice Act. At our last publicly held meeting on March 3, 2020, we discussed SB 190 and unanimously offered support for the bill and we are willing to write any companion regulations necessary.

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.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Nielson".

David Nielson, DDS
President, Alaska Board of Dental Examiners

