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The Honorable Mike Shirkey  
State Senator  
Chariman, Senate Health Policy Committee  
P.O.Box 30036  
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Dear Sen. Shirkey,

This is a letter in support of SB1013. This is a much needed legislative policy that should be easily approved. Given the extreme dental shortage areas throughout the State of Michigan, a new dental team member, the Dental Therapist, is an option that one cannot ignore.

Furthermore, the PA 161 Registered Dental Hygienist is perfectly poised to assume the role of this new dental team member. We are educated Access to Care providers with a proven track record of success, who are most willing to serve wherever the need is greatest.

Please approve this bill without hesitation.

Sincerely,

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