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and

BC Ministry of Health
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Re: BC Reg 415/2008 – Proposal to Amend Dentists Regulation (*Health Professions Act*)

On behalf of the Canadian life and health insurance industry, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide input on behalf of CLHIA members. Insurers, through dental plans provided by employers, play a significant role in providing access to care for British Columbians.

The CLHIA is a voluntary trade association with member companies that account for 99 percent of Canada's life and health insurance business. In BC, at the end of 2017, the life and health insurance industry, through employer plans, provided more than 3 million British Columbians with access to dental care and made payments of about \$1.3 billion.

As we understand the proposed changes, most of them can be considered as 'housekeeping' changes that align the Regulation better to the *Health Professions Act*, considering the shared scope of practice statements and restricted activities, including changes to standardized terms to align to the other oral health colleges' regulations.

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That being the case, the life and health insurance industry is supportive of these changes as they bring the practice of dentists in line with other jurisdictions, clarifying scope and aligning regulation with other oral health professions in BC.

We would be pleased to discuss this with your officials at their convenience or provide any other information that you would find helpful. Please contact me directly at (416)-359-2003 or jweir@clhia.ca.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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