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Senator Bobby Joe Champion Chair, Senate Jobs Committee 3401 Minnesota Senate Bldg. St. Paul, MN 55155

Chair Champion and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Dental Association, please support SF2811. This bill provides no-cost test preparation for students pursuing professional careers, including dentistry.

The cost of preparing for the Dental Admissions Test (DAT) can be a major barrier for many aspiring dental students. By funding DAT prep services, this bill levels the playing field, ensuring that financial limitations don't prevent talented students from entering the profession.

With Minnesota facing dental workforce shortages, investing in future dentists means investing in better access to care for our communities. SF2811 will help strengthen our healthcare system and expand opportunities for potential dental students.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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About the Minnesota Dental Association

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