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**TESTIMONY BY THE OHIO STATE DENTAL BOARD
BEFORE THE SUNSET REVIEW COMMITTEE**

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Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the Sunset Review Committee, I am Harry Kamdar, Executive Director of the Ohio State Dental Board. I am honored to be in front of you today to address any questions that you may have regarding the Supervisory Investigative Panel, hereinafter, referred to as the "Panel".

The Panel is legally authorized under the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code:

4715.032, "*Supervisory Investigative Panel*"; Effective date 9/13/2010

4715.033, "*Issuance of Subpoenas*"; Effective date 9/13/2010

4715.034, "*Authority of Panel to meet with individuals under investigation; Recommendations*";
Effective date 9/13/2010

4715.035, "*Calculation of Time Period for Recommendation*"; Effective date 9/13/2010

The overarching purpose of the Panel is to provide supervision from a clinical and practical perspective of an average of 500 investigations of dentists completed annually by Board staff. The Panel reviews the investigations with the Deputy Director and Assistant Attorney General, and then makes a recommendation to the full Board. Depending on the severity of an infraction, the Panel may recommend any of the following actions to the full Board : closing an investigation case with no action; issuing a warning letter; issuing a consent agreement; issuing a notice of opportunity for hearing; mandating remedial training; suspension of a license; or revocation of a license in extreme cases. Recommendations from the Panel are then voted on by the full Board and the Panel members abstain from voting because they have personal knowledge of the facts of the investigation cases.

The Panel is comprised of the Board Secretary and Vice-Secretary. Both members are elected by the Board to serve a one year term, and are required to spend approximately 20 hours per week working on Panel related matters. Prior to the enactment of the aforementioned statutes in 2010, all of the Board's investigations were reviewed by only one Board member, the Board Secretary. We believe that having two

Board members review each case promotes greater objectivity and more consistent outcomes for our licensees. Also, it offers better protection for the public because both members must review each investigation case and agree on the recommendation that is made to the full Board.

Accordingly, the Board is respectfully requesting the continuation of the aforementioned statutes so as to ensure that the Board's investigations are reviewed by two experienced dentists that can make sound recommendations to the full Board.

I will be glad to answer any questions that you may have.