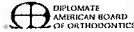




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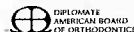


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Dr. William J. Glenos, Jr.  
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Dear Dr. Glenos:

Thank you for your letter with respect to the Florida Association of Orthodontists' (FAO) concerns with the reciprocity and portability of licensure between states issue. The AAO Board of Trustees certainly understands the concerns raised in your letter.

As background, please note that the issue first came up at a meeting in August with the officers and key staff of the dental specialty organizations held in Chicago. The Dental Specialty Group (DSG) meets twice per year and discusses issues of mutual interest. The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) has had concerns with reciprocity and portability of licensure for its members. They drafted a letter that asked the State Dental Boards to review the issue. During the discussion, the ACP asked if the other dental specialty organizations would send a similar letter or sign on to the one that they had prepared. The AAO Board of Trustees reviewed the request at its August meeting and did agree to sign on to the letter as most of the DSG had already done. Please note that no such letter has been sent and that by agreeing to sign on to a letter asking certain states to review the matter does not provide any endorsement of the issue. We simply agreed to sign on to the letter requesting that the states review the issue.

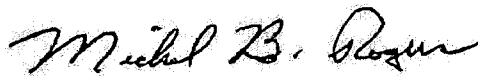
After receiving input from the FAO and others, the Board contacted the ACP and asked if they would delay the letter until we had another opportunity to review the issue. During the recent ADA meeting, the AAO Board postponed any decision until the AAO Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns; AAO Council on Government Affairs and AAO Council on New and Younger Members has an opportunity to review the issue and make an informed recommendation to the Board in time for its February 2012 meeting. We have contacted the ACP and told them that we would not make any decision until the issue was vetted among appropriate AAO councils. Therefore, the original letter developed by ACP to request that State Dental Boards review the issue of reciprocity and portability of licensure will not include the American Association of Orthodontists as a cosigner.

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The three referenced councils will be meeting over the next few months. The Southern Association of Orthodontists has a representative on each of the councils and you should feel free to forward your comments directly to those representatives. In addition, the AAO will be developing a survey for the AAO component organizations so that we may get direct input and valid data for the Councils' deliberation.

Again, I thank you for your letter and additional information that you have brought to the AAO Board's attention. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael B. Rogers".

Michael B. Rogers, DDS  
President

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