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Dr. Dale Chamberlain, President
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Dear Dr. Chamberlain;

I feel very saddened and disillusioned by the fact that I thought you were above the territorial fray of dentistry vs. denturity, and for me having the expectations that you, as President of the Board of Dentistry, would work for the betterment of the people of Montana. However, I feel more disappointed in myself for having these expectations from a dentist board member, in the first place.

Just for the record and clarification, the points you answered as "paragraph numbers" were not paragraphs, but rather "points" of contention as to why I disagreed with the board's conclusion in not moving forward with a review or amendment of my waiver request for, educationally qualified, denturists placing prostheses over implant abutments.

I realized I was going to be away during the June 8th board meeting and asked to be contacted via telephone. It was my understanding that all telephone contacts were made either prior to lunch or shortly thereafter. My hotel, telephone service at the Atlantis Resort in Reno, was not contacted until late in the afternoon; at a point in time when I was at a graduation; so much for my loss and your excuse for not cordially reopening my issue. Therefore, you leave me no alternative but to utilize a different option.

I would not expect a dentist to understand *Finding of Facts* any more than I would expect an attorney to understand a base liner for an amalgam restoration. Dr. Chamberlain, I sent you and the board the entire federal case against the dental board in North Carolina against tooth whiteners, and there is a great explanation of **Finding of Facts** and so many other legal clarifications that relate to the Racketeering Influenced & Corrupt Organizations Act, otherwise known as RICO. You also did not address where I can get the names and addresses of the 68 dentists who came before the board and testified in support of the Rule against denturists placing removable prostheses over implants nor did you provide me with any other proven documentation that the board utilized in maintaining this Rule.

You do realize that state law requires you to have this documentation and to maintain it. Maybe Dennis would have all of this information as well?

I was, and am well aware of the fact that there is no statute or rule that authorizes the board to grant a waiver or rider to an existing rule; but what Ms. Tapper did not advise the board of, is the **fact** that the board could ask for and initiate an amendment to the existing rule. I don't think you, as a board, would want to do that because that would really upset the MDA, the ADA, and your peers. Regardless of those personal issues or crosses you bear, Ms. Tapper should have addressed this option to the board but she apparently chose not to; thus, it is my opinion that she works in the best interests of the dentists! So you know, everything I am doing is known as "making a record" in legal terminology.

You made no comment[s] regarding my "paragraph" relating to Dr. Wilson and her presentation on dentist placed implants and prostheses that were tragically done; why not? Why didn't you, at least, attempt to explain those implant fiascos utilizing pathologic, physiologic, biologic, or any other scientific disorder you could think of, in order to protect your profession? Unfortunately, there is no avenue of double talking around her presentation. The easiest thing for you to do, as President of the Montana Board of Dentistry, is to stick your head in the ground and pretend dentists do not create these terrible cases! You and the other board members saw lots of pathology and trauma, and **every one** of these cases brought before you and your board, by Dr. Wilson, was done by a dentist [emphasis added]; not a single implant placement or prosthesis was placed by a denturist! I wonder if Dr. Wilson emphasized that point in her presentation; you know, all of these cases were at the hands of dentists. You as a board of trusted dentists should feel real proud and hold your heads erect because these are the dentist licensees that you say have the education, training, and experience to provide these services to the public. I and the public might have a disagreement with you on this matter and how are we to know if any of these cases involved Montana licensed dentists? You are the board that oversees these CODA educated individuals and yet you as a profession have NO standards; however, you unanimously judge denturists via dentist "opinion", not educational facts. Isn't this only proving your lack of professionalism or do you judge all health care providers in the same manner?

In your closing remarks you stated, "...., but you will not be permitted to question any Board member as to his or her education or experience." I find this statement both idiotic and also offensive. **Idiotic**, because it is my understanding that these board meetings are open to the public and information is supposed to be disseminated for all to hear and learn by. Why can't we, as licensed health care providers, ask of our board members to verify their education and abilities when judging a competitor providers ability? Oh I almost forgot, you did away with clinical prosthodontic examinations for dentists – now I can understand why! **Offensive**, because you are challenging my **Freedom of Speech** – or, are you attempting to keep pertinent information from the public which the audience has the right to hear; like maybe the truth for a change. Which is it? I am attempting to work through this problem in as professional a manner as I can. Remember, as a board and as dentists, neither entity is **Above the Law**.

Sincerely presented,

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