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Darla Dale, RDHA  
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Dear Darla Dale:

Thank you for your waiver request submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs (Department). The California Dental Hygienists Association has requested that the Department waive Section 1917(b) of the Business and Professions Code to allow dental hygiene students who have completed the program requirements for graduation, as certified by the program director, to be granted licensure without taking a clinical licensure exam.

As stated in Executive Order N-39-20, the Director of the Department is authorized to waive laws and regulations pertaining to professional licensing requirements. The Department must balance consumer protection with the need to facilitate the continued provision of care to individuals affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, as stated in the Executive Order. All waiver request statements of need are reviewed under this criteria.

The Department has reviewed your waiver request and it is not being approved at this time. The Department may reconsider this waiver request, in the event the need should increase in the future.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me, or my Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, Jennifer Simoes, at (916) 574-8200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kimberly Kirchmeyer".

Kimberly Kirchmeyer  
Director

cc: Anthony Lum, Executive Officer, Dental Hygiene Board of California