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Dear Governor Gregoire,
Office of the Governor
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I have served on the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (DQAC) for the last 4 years. You have two openings on DQAC and a member who has not attended one meeting in the last year. So you really need to make 3 appointments.

I am an Eagle Scout. The premises of Scouting, including, helpful, trustworthy, honest, duty to others, duty to my country and, I believe to my State, have served me well. I am a fairly simple fellow. If it is wrong, it is wrong. If you make an error, you attempt to make it right. It is never wrong to do what is right.

The actions of DQAC and the Board of Health to ignore, to cover up and to close cases where regulations were broken leading to dangerous situations of unlicensed, uncertified individuals administering general anesthetic drugs and to monitor recovery of these patients are unacceptable. Registered nurses who work in these areas are required to be ACLS certified and have a college RN degree. A weekend course on how to take a blood pressure is not adequate. We had a dentist apply for and receive a general anesthesia permit who had only completed 8 months of the required one-year general anesthesia residency. His training institution had documented this lack of a completion to the State, but he kept his general anesthesia permit. It is unacceptable to close cases where deaths have occurred, outside of normal DQAC channels and to processes them in relative secrecy. While these actions may or may not have been legal, just because it is legal; does not mean it is right and it certainly does not protect the citizens of the State of Washington. I would encourage you to have staff outside of DOH or DQAC look at these situations.

I had asked to be reappointed to the Commission. I thank you very much for considering that request and I apologize for now withdrawing that request. I simply cannot continue serving when I have such profound reservations about how the DQAC process is conducted. I can either be part of the problem by staying and ignoring the department's subterfuge of process or I must leave. I simply think I can be of more service to the citizens of the state off the commission. I found out a few minutes ago that you had decided the same.

Thank you again for your time. Good luck in your reelection. I put up yard signs and made phone calls 4 year ago for you. I have donated to your campaign this go around. We need you for another 4 years.

Sincerely yours,



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