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To VSDS Member Dentists
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The Governor was harsh on dentists today in a press conference. You may have seen it on the news.

VSDS member dentists and their staff have been very professional and caring in their comments related to this inappropriate tax on dental services and I urge you not to let the Governor's comments sway you from your commitment to put your patients first in all of these discussions.

Do not let political rhetoric drag you down.

I know that you care about the oral health of all Vermonters and our message is coming through loud and clear in a positive manner.

I will provide you with more detailed background information following the final House vote on the tax bill tomorrow and my specific thoughts on the Governor's comments. We will communicate with you next week about our thoughts on approaching State Senators.

This was a difficult decision for the Ways and Means Committee members and for the House. Since one area is not being taxed another is, so please remember I gain no real pleasure that the dental tax was not included, but rather I am simply grateful that the Committee and the House could find another way.

This issue has a long way to go and as you can see the Governor will attempt to have it added back in the Senate!

So increase your efforts to get petition signatures from diverse members of your community – perhaps other health care providers in your community will see the writing on the wall for a tax on their specific health service and will see the wisdom in also seeking signatures for our petition – they will be next year!

Call or e-mail me if you have any questions.

Keep seeking petition signatures and being professional in your comments and stress all the good things you do in your practice every day to help Vermonters in need.

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