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Good afternoon. My name is Dr. Kathleen Beaudry a Periodontist licensed in the state of Idaho, and I'm here in support of Senate Bill 1295.

As a Periodontist, I focus my practice on bone loss, gum disease, and the placement and treatment of dental implants. On 7/9/19 I saw a patient for a comprehensive periodontal exam. This 62 year old male presented with generalized moderate to severe periodontitis, failed/mobile implant #30, fractured and non-restorable #4, gross decay and non-restorable #3, decay #2, 14, 15 and 31. (review x-rays and speak to issues)

This patient reported having "photos" taken and trays made by a direct to consumer aligner company in or around February of 2019. He confirmed that no oral exam was performed and, to his knowledge, no radiographs were taken. He had no contact with a dentist and was never given the name of the dentist or orthodontist who prescribed his aligner treatment.

The patient has active periodontal disease and decay and is in no way a candidate for orthodontic movement. Moving teeth with active infection, decay, or inflammation can cause bone loss and ultimately tooth loss. These issues can only be seen through a combination of a comprehensive oral exam with periodontal probing, and radiographs.

He reported the onset of pain and mobility around implant #30 while wearing his first tray. He has since stopped wearing the trays as he felt it was causing the discomfort and mobility of implant #30. Implants cannot be orthodontically moved. Attempted movement of an implant will result in bone loss and failure. This reinforces the need for a patient to have access to and contact with the prescribing dentist, and for that dentist to have reviewed a comprehensive oral examination and radiographs.

In my opinion, if a provider had looked in his mouth and read diagnostic radiographs, they would have determined without a doubt that this patient was not a candidate for orthodontic movement. It is a challenge to see the damage that improper use of these prescribed medical devices can cause. Your support for Senate Bill 1295 today will better ensure that patients will be more appropriately evaluated and not sold a device that will do more harm than good for their oral health.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I will stand for any questions.