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To: State Dental Boards

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By now, State Dental Boards and State Dental Associations are aware that there are two Dental and Dental Hygiene Compacts – the CSG Compact and the AADB Compact. Both Compacts have license portability as their purpose; the difference is how they're structured to provide portability within the dental profession!

Regardless of rhetoric, public relations campaigning, or special gatherings; the AADB requests that stakeholders “just read the two Compacts”! Then we ask you to consider the following questions:

- Which has the simplest, most straightforward process to license portability?
- Which has no costs to States nor State Dental Boards?
- Which Compact copies the exact framework of medical Interstate Licensure Compact developed by the Federation of State Medical Boards that's been successful for more than 15 years?
- Which Compact requires a “true” hands-skills testing and only a CODA accredited dental school requirements?
- Which Compact will not require changes in Jurisdictional Statutes in order to accommodate existing Statutes or grant a Compact Commission the ability to supersede State sovereignty?
- Which Compact allows the State Board that receives a complaint to act directly within it's own State without going to a Compact Commission?
- Which Compact already has an existing 'Clearinghouse' and 'repository' system plus interstate State Boards network for handling all licensing information, data, and secured documents?
- Which Compact guarantees military AND spouses portability including an additional year without fees when separating from the military?

State Dental Boards/AADB supports portability that is straightforward, easy to access, and ensures that in your state, a Dentist or Dental Hygienist with an AADB Compact License Privilege is in good standing and fully qualified. The mission of Dental Boards is to protect the public. The AADB ensures this in the AADB Compact language.

We've included some highlights of note within both compact language versions distributed. We'll be forwarding a side by side comparison shortly. Thank you for your dedication and diligence on behalf of our profession!