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Dear Dr. Zimmer,

Over the last year, there has been an increased focus on the duration it takes for candidates trained in non-accredited dental programs to obtain NDEB certification and ways that the process could be expedited.

While participating in discussions with other organisations about ways to facilitate the entry to practice of these individuals, we have also been investigating changes to our own processes that will help achieve this goal.

The attached report is the NDEB's plan to decrease the duration of the Equivalency Process. The plan includes five components: changing registration practices to prioritize candidates; reviewing eligibility criteria for the Equivalency Process; reducing the number of examinations in the Equivalency Process; supporting alternative pathways to certification; and increasing test capacity for the NDECC.

While there is no single solution that will shorten the duration of the Equivalency Process for all candidates, a combination of approaches that considers eligibility, increasing capacity, prioritization and examination blueprints will have a positive impact.

We hope that you will find the report informative and support the steps the NDEB is taking to improve the timelines for individuals who choose to undertake the Equivalency Process. We welcome any comments or questions you may have regarding the contents of the report.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director and Registrar

cc. Stefan Piche