PETITION

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Legislature Assembled:

The petition of the undersigned, citizens of the province of British Columbia, states that: Denturists are primary health care providers and are an integral part of the dental professional team serving and protecting dental patients. Denture technology has advanced rapidly; however, the BC Denturist Scope of Practice has not changed in 20 years. Dental technology has advanced faster than the current Denturist Regulations and is seriously affecting the delivery of services to the public.

The Denturist Association of BC requests that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to correct two material errors in the proposed amendments to the Denturist Regulations: 1) remove the prescription requirement for partial and overdentures and 2) remove the language "removeable by the patient" as it does not allow denturists to fit, dispense or maintain dental implant dentures. Specifically, a screw retained denture on implants (a non-surgical procedure). These errors create a serious impediment for the public, especially seniors and those in long-term care facilities.

The Petitioners advise the Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly that these expanded services have been delivered safely by Denturists in provinces across Canada. The petitioners request that Honourable Members of the Legislature urge the government to modernize Denturist regulations so they are equal to the regulations in most other provinces.

Dated the 28 day of October, 2019

Name	**Address**	**Signature**