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To the Honorable Chairs:

Laws of Minnesota 2008, Chapter 298, established an Oral Health Practitioner Work Group and required the Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the Board of Dentistry, to staff the work group and submit to the legislature its recommendations and draft legislation to implement the recommendations. The attached report and draft legislation represent the fulfillment of that assignment, and I am pleased to transmit them on behalf of MDH and the Board of Dentistry.

Thirteen work group members contributed their time and effort over the course of eight meetings between August and December, 2008, and I believe the recommendations they developed are thorough and responsive to the legislature's charge. Staff from MDH and the Board of Dentistry supported the work group effort. We are also appreciative of assistance from Senate Counsel Katherine Cavanor in drafting the attached legislation.

If you have questions or would like further information on the report and legislation, please contact Mark Schoenbaum at 651-201-3859 or [mark.schoenbaum@state.mn.us](mailto:mark.schoenbaum@state.mn.us)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sanne Magnan" followed by a long horizontal flourish.

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