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Dear Dr. Mutchmore:

As a regulatory body the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan (CDSS) struggles from time to time with collecting fees for membership in a member advocacy organization like the CDA. Our current legislation allows membership in "other associations" and we mitigate the risk in this by maintaining the attitude that CDA has a large knowledge base that produces position statements on oral health care and provides practice support and advocacy through the lens of the public good. As long as our legislation allows and CDA continues to focus many of its efforts on the public good the CDSS will continue to manage the conflicting risks.

The CDSS understands the benefit to the entire profession of having a National advocacy body and as such will support the current fee structure with the plan to work toward closing the gap in fees. As a small corporate member the CDSS sees the merit in sharing resources and collaborating with other corporate members. We also see the value in co-branding with the CDA.

The CDSS does have some concerns over the calculation for the number of "licensed dentists". The exclusion of specific license categories should have some standardization across the country. The selection process must be transparent to be fair. The CDSS feels that it is very important that all corporate members are consistent and follow the spirit of how they are expected to calculate the CDA membership payment.

Yours for better dental health,

Dr. Todd Graham
President
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