

EXHIBIT NO. 9DATE: 1-17-05BILL NO. SB 137

Testimony in SUPPORT OF SB 137

As an oral health professional, I speak in support of SB 137, which would regulate and

License tattoo and body piercing establishments. Although I do not recommend body "embellishment", I do favor regulation for those who choose these procedures. There is a documented increase of cases of hepatitis from improper technique. We also know that infections can occur when conditions are not optimal.

Attached is an article I submitted to the **Billings Gazette** regarding oral piercing. The article was published in October 1999. My findings have not changed regarding the procedure and the number of tongue piercings I have seen in our practice has increased.

Please consider support of this bill. Some regulation is definitely reasonable. Those establishments with high standards will have no problem meeting minimum requirements and should welcome the regulation. Safety is everyone's concern.

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