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. Dental technology has advanced rapidly; however, the BC Denturist Scope of Practice has not changed in 20 years. In those 20 years the denturist profession in BC has grown from 194 to only 223 denturists. The profession is under pressure from an ageing population and the limited number of denturists. Dental technology has advanced faster than the Denturist Regulations and is seriously affecting the delivery of services to the public. Additionally, the Denturist Scope of Practice has fallen behind the regulatory framework of other provinces in Canada.

The Denturist Association of BC requests that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to act to the Denturists Regulations submitted to the government of BC. These changes would improve patient care, modernize denture related services and deliver these services in the safest manner to the public in collaboration with the professional dental community. The Petitioners advise the Honorable Members of the Legislative Assembly that these expanded services have been delivered safely by Denturists in provinces across Canada. Your Petitioners respectfully request that the Honourable House urge the government to modernize the *Health Professions Act* (HPA) as recommended in Part 2 of the Harry Cayton Report, and, that the Denturist Regulations be brought in-line with the regulations in other provinces.

Dated the 23 day of September, 2019

Name	**Address**	**Signature**