

September 20, 2019

Dear Metropolitan District Dental Society Members,

We are pleased to announce that the leaders of the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS) and the Metropolitan District Dental Society (MDDS) have resolved, to their full and mutual satisfaction, on terms that reflect and respect the important relationship between these organizations, the issues that were brought to your attention in an August 2018 letter from Dr. Howard Zolot.

As the MDS and MDDS reaffirm this bond, we all want to make clear that nothing in Dr. Zolot's letter, and nothing stated outside of that letter, should be construed as an allegation of any wrongdoing by any MDDS leaders, especially and specifically Dr. L. Jeffrey Lowenstein. Rather, the MDS, as the steward of the MDS's assets, including your membership dues, simply sought to ensure compliance with certain MDS policies. Through your leaders, MDDS has assured the MDS that it will continue to protect these assets and comply with MDS standards, and that it will continue to act with your best interests in mind, as it has always striven to do.

The parties involved in this process, including Drs. Lowenstein, Ken Marsh, Robert Gilardetti, David Lustbader, and Janis Moriarty, should be applauded for their significant efforts to put these issues to rest. An apology is extended to anyone whose professional and/or personal reputation was impugned during this process. We look forward to all of us working together to advance the mission of organized dentistry in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Dr. Janis Moriarty, MDS President

Dr. David Lustbader, MDS Past President

Dr. Robert Gilardetti, MDDS Past Chair