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Dear Friend and Colleague,

In the name of the Italian Dental Association, (Associazione Italiana Odontoiatri), I wish to thank you for your message of support and solidarity sent to our colleagues here in Italy.

After leaving a trail of tears the pandemic has peaked and is showing encouraging signs of declining but the emergency is far from being over and the future for us all remains uncertain.

Dental practices throughout the country are closed and dentists are facing unprecedented economic hardships. We, however, remain committed to safeguarding patients oral health by providing urgent and emergency care.

We are actively supporting our physician colleagues who have been fighting the battle on the front lines by donating our PPE's and in many cases, by joining the ranks besides them. We are actively lobbying our politicians for economic packages aimed at helping to ease the economic burden placed on our colleagues hard hit by the Covid-19 pandemic. Within days we will begin collaborating with scientists and government officials to elaborate health and safety protocols permitting a safe return to dental practices for dentists, patients and staff.

As dentists we possess a deep passion for our profession and have always been dedicated to defending and improving patient health. We will once again return to doing so hoping that the future allows our global dental community unitedly to quickly rebound, reset and get back to practicing the profession that we love.

Together with the entire Italian Dental Association I pray that you and all of our American friends and colleagues remain safe and healthy during this dramatic moment in our worlds' history. If we can be of help in any way or share the knowledge of our experience with you, please don't hesitate to let us know. The distance is never too great.

Sincerely,

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