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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the American Dental Association, I'm truly looking forward to joining you in Seward this May for the 2026 Alaska Dental Society Annual Meeting. As your event page puts it, "all roads lead to Seward," and I love that idea. In many ways, this meeting is about finding our way to one another as a profession — united in purpose to strengthen the connections that move dentistry forward.

Through two full days of education, collaboration, and conversation, I'm excited to listen and learn what's top of mind for dentists across Alaska. I'm especially pleased to attend the ADS Membership Luncheon on Saturday, May 23, and to connect directly with members about the opportunities and challenges you're navigating.

And I have to admit — the Gilligan's Island Dinner Cruise sounds like a pretty unforgettable way to kick things off. I'm told that getting out on the water is a must in Seward, and it's hard to imagine a better setting to connect than cruising alongside Alaska's remarkable coastline.

Gathering in a place known for natural wonder feels especially fitting. It's a great reminder to pause, take in the bigger picture, and reflect on where we're headed as a profession. Moments like this offer perspective, and I believe dentistry needs that right now. We're navigating real change, and the way forward is through connection across our tripartite — aligning around what matters most for our profession and the patients we serve.

Thank you for all you do to drive dentistry forward in Alaska and to improve the health of the communities you serve. I hope to see you in Seward this May for what I know will be an energizing and memorable few days together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. Rosato". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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