

**Testimony of Hill Health Center  
for the  
Public Health Committee  
Public Hearing  
on  
HB 7069, 'An Act Concerning Access to Oral Health Care'**

Hill Health Center of New Haven, a federally qualified health center, provides dental care to low-income children at three locations in New Haven and Derby. So great is the demand for our dental services that we are in the process of expanding the dental clinics in New Haven and Derby.

Since few private dentists can afford to accept the low state rates, HUSKY members seek help at community health centers. We are unable to accommodate the demand in a timely fashion. Our waiting list in Derby is six months! We are unable to provide timely routine and preventive care, causing treatment costs to soar when the resulting dental damage becomes extensive.

The Hill Health Center strongly supports this bill and urges the Public Health Committee to correct this gross injustice to the poor children of the wealthiest state in the Union.

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