

Testimony to the Appropriations Committee, Human Services Subcommittee

Regarding the Proposed Elimination of Dental Services to Adults in Medicaid/SAGA/HUSKY and Reduction of Other Health Benefits to Low-Income Residents

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Dear Committee Members,

As an advocate in the Bridgeport community it is absolutely unacceptable for this type of budget cut to be considered. The price is too great, the cost too high for the Governor to even consider putting such an item on the table. Cutting such a necessary vital item to balance the budget would far out weight the cost it would take to keep such care in our community. This is a necessity not a luxury. Those less fortunate are the ones always targeted to be considered less important as the rest of us. We are our brother's keeper, and it behooves us to care for one another. Most of the time these are the same people without a voice (because they probably do not vote), and we must be that voice. I employ the Governor to reconsider leaving those line items in the budget that impact the quality life untouched. If anything they probably need to be increased since the need is getting greater in the community at an alarming rate!

May God have mercy on those making such irresponsible decisions.

Sincerely,

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