

**Submitted to:**

**Testimony to:** Senator, Jonathan Harris; Representative, Betsy Ritter  
and the Public Health Committee members.

**In Support of:** Raised Bill 5630

**Submitted by:** Mary Claire Kacerik RDH, BS

**February 28, 2009**

Dears Senator Harris, Representative Ritter and Members of the Committee:

My name is Mary Claire Kacerik I am a licensed, registered dental hygienist practicing in Connecticut. I support Raised Bill 5630, An Act Concerning the Establishment of an Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner (ADHP).

I have heard many times over my 18 years of dental hygiene practice, people calling the offices in which I have worked asking if we accept state. Once HUSKY became available I myself was optimistic that more children at least would be served. That however is not the case. It takes quite a bit of money to run a dental office and state fees are far below reasonable and customary. The creation of an Advanced Dental Hygiene practitioner would meet a need that dentistry and dental hygiene (up until now) have been unable to meet. This new level would help the underserved and allow the dental professions to grow to meet these obvious needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Claire Kacerik RDH, BS

2 Chauncey Drive

Oxford, CT 06478

203-888-4515