

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

In Support of: **Raised Bill 5630**

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My name is MaryEllen McLoughlin. I am a Registered Dental Hygienist in Stamford, Ct. I have worked in a private dental office for 30 years. In addition, I work for the City of Stamford, Department of Health and Social Services; screening, educating and providing dental hygiene services in the schools. Many children who need care are unable to get it. I see how this effects education and how many lose school time because of pain. Some wait months to be treated. Others come back to me year after year with the same cavities and more problems. This bill #5630 would help these children get the care they need. Please help this bill get to the next step.

Thank you,

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