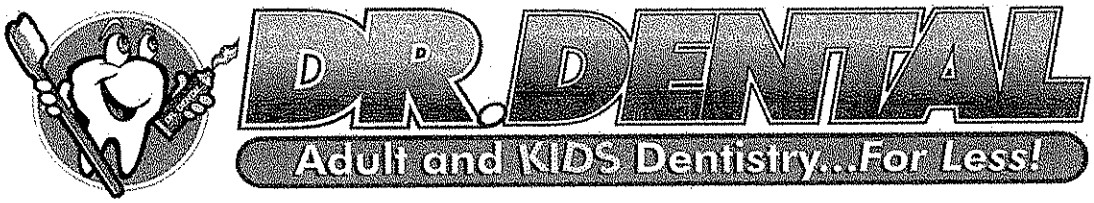

Testimony on behalf of Doctor Dental
Appropriations Committee
HB 6380, An Act Concerning the Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2013
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Senator Harp, Representative Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today on **HB 6380, An Act Concerning the Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2013.**

Doctor Dental provides quality dental services to the Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire areas. Proud of its affordable general dentistry and the friendly, comfortable environment, we offer a wide range of services for patients of any age, background, or need. To make dental care easier on the patient's budget, the Doctor Dental offers flexible payment plans and options to patients by coordinating with the patient to put together a payment plan that works best for his/her budget and schedule.

We serve some of the most underutilized areas in Connecticut and continue to grow within the state. Currently, we have offices in Bristol, Danbury, Enfield, Hamden, New Britain, Stamford and Waterbury. We have made a significant investment in Connecticut and wish to expand and continue to make additional hires.

We applaud Gov. Malloy for his continued support of dental care in Connecticut. Though this proposed budget limits services such as periodic exams and cleanings for healthy adults, keeping funding for this critical program is critical in maintaining a healthy lifestyle for the State's most vulnerable population. Lack of access to dental care causes pain and suffering that, for the most part, can easily be treated. Without this funding in place, patients would seek care only when they could no longer bear the pain and put even more financial strain on our State's hospitals. In fact, studies have shown that the long-term cost of eliminating adult dental care is 2.5 times more than the cost of providing care.

We respectfully request for your continued support of adult dental care in Connecticut.

Thank you.