

February 28, 2011

Senator Musto, Representative Tercyak and members of the Human Services Committee,

I am a licensed dental hygienist presently working as a public health dental hygienist in the Hartford School System. I completely support the presentation of Proposed H.B. No. 5616 AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE OF ADVANCED DENTAL HYGIENE PRACTITIONERS.

Our School Based Dental Clinics are in desperate need of more dental treatment for our students. The inner city children are suffering from lack of care due to the selective nature of private dental offices.

As an employee of the school system, we can verify the need for an Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner. We have recently advertised to fill a dentist position and the school system did not receive a single application. We have so much work to do and not enough resources to complete our mission. I have been practicing for almost 38 years, and this dire situation of unmet need has not changed significantly.

I urge you to move this bill forward for the sake of the young children of our cities.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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