

**Testimony in Support of: Proposed H.B. No. 5616 AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE OF
ADVANCED DENTAL HYGIENE PRACTITIONERS.**

TO: HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

My name is Toni M. Parlanti , RDH and I am writing this testimony in huge support of Proposed House Bill No. 5616, An Act Concerning Licensure of Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioners.

I work currently as a Public Health Hygienist for the City of Stamford. It wasn't until I accepted this position that I truly understand and deal with, first hand, a population with limited access to care. Unfortunately, this population has grown considerably due to the status of our economy.

The time has come to create a mid-level provider. The ADHP (Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner), can play a key role as a member of the comprehensive health care team. Just as the APRN (Nurse Practitioner) has answered the need for cost-efficiency and easy accessibility, the ADHP will help overcome many barriers to dental care, including: Financial, Transportation, Special Needs and Education.

I thank you for reading my testimony with the anticipation that you will support this Bill. I am a health care advocate. Today, I advocate for the many families who will benefit from this much needed mid-level practitioner.

Sincerely,

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