

Human Services Committee

Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. in Room 2B of the LOB.

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"Testimony HB 5616"

To the Human Services Committee,

Please move the advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner proposal on to the next progressive step to assure passage of this bill. It is imperative for long term economic savings for the State of Connecticut to prevent and repair simple disease before it progresses into more serious issues. Experienced and educated registered dental hygienists are more than capable of doing procedures as simple restorations and extractions. Foreign trained dentists are a bachelor's level degree and they are trained for more advanced procedures. An RDH can, with the appropriate education (already established), can do the same in our United States and particularly in Connecticut where dental hygiene was birthed.

Connecticut is renowned as the pioneer in dental disease prevention. Let's intervene in disease progression as well.

Sincerely yours,

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