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Legislative Testimony
Joint Insurance Committee Public Health Committee, & Human Services Committee
HB 6305 AAC Implementation Of The SustiNet Plan
HB 6323 AA Making Conforming Changes To The Insurance Statutes Pursuant To The Federal Patient Protection And Affordable Care Act, And Establishing A State Health Partnership Program
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Good afternoon to the Chairs of the Insurance Committee Senator Crisco & Representative Megna, Chairs of the Public Health Committee Senator Stillman and Representative Ritter, & to the Chairs of the Human Services Committee Senator Musto and Representative Tercyak, my name is Mark Desrosiers and I have been practicing dentistry for 26 years in the towns of Putnam, West Hartford and Glastonbury. I thank you for the opportunity to present this written testimony to you in **support** of HB's 6305 and 6323.

It warms my heart to see dentistry included in HB 6305. Any public health measures should include dentistry. The link between dental and general health has been established and to not include dental coverage in any plan that furthers the health care of our citizens would be a mistake. Specifically I refer to section 14 (d) which states that dentistry is included as part of this bill. Thanks to the Public Health Committee for raising this bill and including dentistry.

HB 6323 extends coverage through the age of 26 and brings our statues in line with recent federal laws. I realized the importance of this when my daughter recently graduated from college and started her job search. The ability to allow her to stay on my insurance during this transition time is reassuring. HB 6323 does that and covers certain aspects of dental care, a step in the right direction.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions I would happy to talk to on the phone or answer them via email.

Sincerely,

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