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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
Monday, February 14, 2011
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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 William Nash and I have been practicing dentistry for 32 years in the town of Fairfield. I thank you for the opportunity to present this written testimony to you in support of HB's 6308, 6305, 6323 and SB 921.

I am writing in support of these measures. In our changing world, with children living longer with their parents, needing advanced schooling to gain a foothold in their careers, in addition to the difficulty of getting a job, the option of extending the age of coverage o 26 is a fair and reasonable thing to do.

The SustiNet G emphasizes that health care involves the entire body, that a person's well-being includes their mouth. Dentistry is a field where prevention is most effective. This has been shown in studies that date back from the 1950's to today. The language of this bill fits into the practice of modern dentistry. It will serve the people of this state very well.

In closing, I would like to again thank the Committees for allowing me to submit testimony. If you have any questions I would happy to talk to on the phone or answer them via email.

Sincerely,

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