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**Legislative Testimony**  
**Insurance Committee**  
**SB 16 AAC Standards For Health Care Provider Contracts**  
**Tuesday, January 25, 2011**  
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Senator Crisco, Representative Megna and members of the Insurance committee, my name is Dr. Steven Hall, and I have been practicing dentistry for thirteen years in Farmington. I thank you for the opportunity to present this written testimony to you in support of Section 5 of SB 16.

The language in Section 5 seeks to end the unfair practice of insurance companies from setting fees for services that they refuse to cover. In a contract between a dentist and the patient's insurance company, the insurance company sets the fees that the dentist can charge a patient for a dental procedure. Insurance companies seem to feel that it is also their business to set dental fees for services that they will not cover under their plan. This is inherently unfair to the dental provider, and it is confusing to the patient.

Similar bills have been enacted in 16 states around the country, and many more legislatures in the nation are considering the same type of bill. I ask that you consider the unfairness that this bill addresses, and ask for your support for the language in Section 5 of SB16.

In closing, I would like to again thank the Committee for allowing me to submit testimony

Respectfully Submitted,

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