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**Public Hearing Testimony**  
**To the Insurance and Real Estate Committee in support of**  
***Senate Bill 17, An Act Concerning Wellness Programs***  
***and Expansion of Health Insurance Coverage***  
**February 3, 2011**

I am expressing my support for CT parity. It is so important that this bill be passed to improve the coverage a prosthetic patient has for this benefit with their insurance. The patient is going through so much and then some of them have terrible benefits for prosthesis.

To add the burden of financial hardship to the patient's load while struggling to get back his quality of life seems so unfair and unjust. A lot of patients have to take out loans or borrow money to purchase their prosthesis because their insurance coverage is so very poor.

Thank you for presenting MY support to this bill.

Sincerely,

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