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**Legislative Testimony
Public Health Committee
HB5289 ACC Prohibiting Medical Procedures That May Potentially Block A Persons
Air Passages
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Dear Senator Stillman and Representative Ritter,

My name is Jon Davis and I have been practicing dentistry for 35 years in the town of Fairfield and am currently President of the Connecticut State Dental Association.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

I am writing in opposition to the above referenced bill. This legislation, if extended, to the practice of dentistry would essentially shut down the dental profession in Connecticut. By virtue of what we do and the materials and instruments we use there is always the potential to block a patients air passages. For example, the use of impression materials to fabricate dentures, partial dentures, orthodontic retainers, crowns or bridges would be prohibited from use because they could potentially block a persons air passages. As a result, none of the prosthesis's mentioned above could be fabricated.

The practice of dentistry carries with it the inherent potential to aspirate materials that could block air passages. But the dental and medical professional is trained to minimize this from occurring and respond in an appropriate manner if this unfortunate situation does occur.

Thank you for your time and I am available to answer any questions you may have by calling the phone number below or by emailing me if you so choose.

Sincerely,

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