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Subject: The need to increase access to health care.

Hello ,

Thank you for devoting time to this very important legislative effort; HB 5541, An Act Concerning Services Provided by Dental Professionals and Certification for Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioners.

The arguments from both sides of this issue are fierce, at times it may be difficult to decide what to believe. I am attaching a link to a U.S. Subcommittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions hearing regarding the dental healthcare crisis and the need to increase access to care.

<http://www.help.senate.gov/hearings/hearing/?id=a4b31ccd-5056-9502-5d8c-93b8b9da5d60>

It is an unbiased exploration of the issues by the top experts in the country on this problem. Three of the individuals providing testimony are dentists, one is from the PEW Center, and the last is an Advanced Dental Therapist from MN.

This is a pure presentation of the facts, no rhetoric or bending of the truth.

I know your time is short, but this video of the hearing will provide all the information you need. Written and verbal testimony will speak to the serious need to improve access to care here in CT; we are doing better, but after spending time in public health with diverse populations, I can tell you we have so much more to do.

Thank you for your time and consideration, your dedication to Connecticut's most vulnerable citizens will not go unnoticed. Please support the role of ADHP.

Sincerely,

Lidiya Faryna