
SB 993

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Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and Members of the Public Health Committee,

My Name is Mandy Dews and I live in Thomaston, CT. I currently practice as a dental hygienist.

I am providing this as testimony regarding a bill being raised in the legislature this week:

SB No. 993, "An act Concerning Dental Assistants and Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary"

~ As written, the bill language allows for too much open interpretation, the dental auxiliary language could be edited to be more precise, as was agreed to during last years' Program, Review and Investigation (PRI) process. EFDA is proposed with only the individual dentists' oversight, in our opinion and for public safety DPH should oversee the EFDA certification as they do the dentist and dental hygiene licenses. Furthermore, we request that SB No. 993 be amended to include the dental hygiene mid-level provider (also agreed to during last year's PRI process) as stated in the 2012 HB 5541 and then vote to adopt it for this 2013 legislative session.

I am in opposition to SB No. 993 (as written). I know that my association, on my behalf, has given the Public Health Committee background information and would be willing answer any matter that needs clarification. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please speak against and amend SB No. 993 on my behalf.

Respectfully,

Mandy Dews, RDH
