

**SB 993**

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Senator Terry Gerratana, Representative Susan Johnson, and members of the Connecticut Public Health Committee:

I oppose Raised SB 993: An Act Concerning Dental Assistants and Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary; in its present form and wish to have it *amended to add the ADHP*, mid-level provider and edit and correct the language related to EFDA.

I oppose Raised HB 6589: Establishing a Task Force to Investigate the Scope of Practice for Dental Hygienists. CDHA has participated in all aspects of investigation beginning with the ADHOC committee of 2005 and every year up to and including this past year where CDHA representatives participated fully and seriously in the PRI (Program Review & Investigation) process. The documentation of thorough investigation and research has been presented as requested by DPH.

I support the adoption of the EFDA / ADHP bill (HB 5541) from the 2012 Legislative session. ALL the existing research regarding a mid-level provider model in dental health care supports the creating of a hygiene-based provider to meaningfully meet the needs of the underserved who cannot access care via conventional pathways. Please review the literature and demand those who oppose the ADHP provider model to verify their claims with serious evidence based research.

The time has come to put the needs of the people of Connecticut first.

**Sincerely,**

**Sarah Griffin**