

**Legislative Testimony**  
**Public Health Committee**  
**HB 6814, AAC Dental Assistants and Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary**  
**Wednesday, March 11, 2015**  
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Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and members of the Public Health Committee, my name is Mark Desrosiers. I have been practicing dentistry in Putnam, West Hartford, Glastonbury and Middletown over the past 27 years. My volunteer service to the citizens of our state includes CT-MOM, as well as being a HUSKY/Medicaid provider. I am here to testify in favor of House Bill 6814 An Act Concerning Dental Assistants and Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries.

The Expanded Function Dental Assistant position has been in place and has proven both safe and effective for many years. It currently functions in over 40 states. The assistants in Connecticut have been proposing the establishment of this position for many years. There has not been any significant opposition to this proposal. Why has it not passed? The bill has been combined with other bills that are not strong enough to stand on their own merits. Please consider this bill on its' own merits. The citizens of Connecticut deserve this safe and effective provider to help deliver oral health care.

I would like to sincerely thank-you for your time and urge you to support House Bill 6814.

Respectfully Submitted,

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