

My name is Nancy Wong and I graduated from the University of Connecticut with my dental degree as well as my masters in public health in May 2015. I am currently a dental resident at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, located in Hartford, Connecticut.

I am writing this to you because I am aware of the proposed budget cuts to UConn Health, which will directly affect the funding for the CT AHEC program. During my dental school education the CT AHEC program was crucial in reaffirming my desire to become a dental provider who would be able to provide quality dental care to underserved, low income populations. Being part of the Urban Service Track (UST), a program funded by CT AHEC, enhanced my graduate school experience and allowed me to understand and value the importance of interdisciplinary healthcare. I believe that the UST program helped me understand the problem of healthcare access for underserved populations and helped me develop my leadership experience so that I may advocate for my patient population. I hope that CT AHEC and UST will continue to be supported by the state because budding health professionals will greatly benefit from being a part of the UST program.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Nancy Wong, DMD, MPH