

“Oral health for all”



March 7, 2016

Connecticut General Assembly – Human Services Committee
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: HB 5590 An Act Concerning Medicaid Reimbursement For Federally Qualified Health Centers

Dear Representative Abercrombie, Senator Moore, and members of the Human Services Committee,

I am the Executive Director of the Connecticut Oral Health Initiative, an advocacy organization concerned with access to oral health care including coverage for all Connecticut residents. I am here in support of **HB 5590, An Act Concerning Medicaid Reimbursement for Federally Qualified Health Centers. It is imperative that the federally qualified health centers have the ability to fully and accurately convey their operation costs. I urge you to support this bill.**

Federally qualified health centers are safety net providers for health care in all of our communities. They are also an integrated care network; meaning they offer physical, behavioral, and often, dental care to their patients. As such, the operation of a federally qualified health center is complex and detailed. **Administration must be afforded every opportunity to meticulously demonstrate how funding is allocated through the reporting mechanism.** In such a tough fiscal climate, inaccurate reporting can dangerously lead to proposed funding and service cuts.

I urge you to support HB 5590. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me. Thank you for your time and your commitment to all Connecticut residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Moran Boudreau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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