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Testimony from Majority Leader Matthew Ritter and Representative Michelle L. Cook

In support for **House Bill 5627** An Act Extending The Period A Child, Stepchild or Other Dependent Child May Retain Dental Insurance Coverage Under A Parent's Health Insurance Policy.

Chairmen Lesser, Scanlon; Vice Chairs, Ranking Members, and Distinguished Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

We are testifying in support of House Bill 5627 An Act Extending the Period A Child, Stepchild or Other Dependent Child May Retain Dental Insurance Coverage Under A Parent's Health Insurance Policy. This bill will allow children, stepchild and other dependent children to retain dental insurance coverage under their parents' insurance until they are twenty-six or they obtain substitute coverage through an employer.

As lawmakers, we believe that it is our job to ensure that young adults in Connecticut stay insured, and this will help them in the long term. This bill will provide young adults with access to preventative care, which is essential in the maintenance of an individual's dental health. If this bill is not passed, young adults will most likely forego dental treatments due to the high cost of dental care. This will likely lead to further complications, which will likely result in more expensive treatment and care.

We urge you to support this bill as it will help benefit young adults in our state. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Matt Ritter in black ink.

Majority Leader Matthew Ritter
1st Assembly District

Handwritten signature of Michelle L. Cook in black ink.

Representative Michelle L. Cook
65th Assembly District