

Legislative Testimony
Insurance and Real Estate Committee
Proposed HB 6088 – An Act Concerning Disclosure of Certain Third-Party
Administrator Fees
Thursday, February 14, 2019

Dear Senator Lesser, Representative Scanlon, and Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee,

My name is Dr. Bethaney Brenner. I have been practicing general family dentistry in Burlington, Connecticut for 38 years. I am the currently the Treasurer of the Connecticut State Dental Association and I am writing in support of HB 6088 – An Act Concerning Disclosure of Certain Third-Party Administrator Fees.

Dentists wear many hats as they work in this profession, and one of those hats is as a business entrepreneur. We need to make business decisions every day and one of those decisions is whether to participate in an Insurance dental plan. The laws allow the Dental Insurance Companies to withhold their maximum allowable fee schedules from dentists right now. This bill would help to provide transparency in the negotiations of contracts and the coding that would be necessary about whether to participate in these plans. Right now, it is a guessing game. What good business person would do business this way? In addition, it would allow for proper notification of any fee/code changes that the Insurance companies are switching to, so that we can properly inform our patients of their treatment options before they have work done. This allows for a more consistent benefit for both medical and dental professions. This bill would go a long way in leveling the negotiations between Dentists and the Insurance Companies they contract with.

For the reasons stated above, I urge you to adopt HB 6088.

Respectfully Submitted,

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