

**Legislative Testimony
Public Health Committee
Raised HB 5654 An Act Allowing Dentists to Perform Certain Facial
Therapies as part of their Dental Practice
Monday, February 11, 2019**

Dear Senator Abrams, Representative Steinberg, and Members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Dr. Bethaney B. Brenner. I have been practicing general family dentistry in Connecticut for 39 years. I am currently the Treasurer for the Connecticut State Dental Association and I have been treating craniofacial pain for several years. I am writing in support of HB 5654: An Act Allowing Dentists to Perform Certain Facial Therapies as part of their Dental Practice.

I have taken training in administering Botox and Derma fillers. Many of these courses were given by Dermatologists, Plastic Surgeons and Oral Surgeons. There is a place for these treatments to help patients with esthetics of their face after injuries, and other kinds of surgeries. We can also use Botox for some TMJ treatments. One thing to remember is that these procedures wear off just like using local anesthetics...though it takes a couple of months..which is why they are used. Since dentists are quite adept at giving injections, already having been trained in the anatomy of the face, it is actually safer for them to administer these treatments than nurses, and yet nurses do most of these treatments in medical offices.

If dentists take the proper training, I see no reason why they cannot use these therapies in their offices. It is already being delivered by dentists in states like Massachusetts, Florida, California, Texas, Georgia, and New Jersey.

For the reasons stated above, I urge you to adopt HB 5654.

Respectfully Submitted,

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