

Testimony of: Elena Carrington  
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All of my family bleeds blue: I attended UConn and was awarded a BS in Molecular and Cell Biology. I was then accepted to continue my education at UConn School of Dental Medicine. I am currently a third year dental student. My brother is currently at UConn for the undergraduate program in the Material Science Engineering program. My mother attended UConn School of Dental Medicine as an out of state resident and loved it so much that she decided to practice in CT and then join the faculty at the School of Dental Medicine. My father attended UConn School of Dental Medicine for his specialty training as a resident and loved it so much he decided to stay, establish his practice in Hartford and volunteer as a part time faculty at the School of Dental Medicine. As a dental student, I have been enriched with the opportunity to complete research and present at the American Association for Dental Research, work with admissions applicants and participate in community outreach. Thank you very much for holding the hearing and for giving me an opportunity to speak. In addition, thank you, General Assembly, for your support in the past. As you can see, my family, as well as I, am very passionate about UConn and we are asking for your support. No matter what my future holds, as far as where I attend residency, I know that my heart belongs in Connecticut. I plan to continue giving my time to serve and help the community here in Connecticut. UConn School of Dental Medicine is an excellent school that helps educate future health care providers to understand the body as a whole and connect oral health to what is seen in the body. At UConn School of Dental Medicine, students complete an intensive biomedical curriculum, which allows them to have a thorough understanding of pharmacology and disease processes throughout the body. Not all dental schools provide this intensive education in addition to a thorough clinical program, which makes UConn School of Dental Medicine quite unique. We hope that you will continue to support UConn Dental School, so that students like us can serve the residents of CT and continue our education here in this Nutmeg State.

Thank you for your time,  
Elena Carrington  
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