

**Legislative Testimony**  
**Insurance and Real Estate Committee**  
**HB 6589 An Act Concerning Third-Party Access to Participating Dental Provider**  
**Contracts**  
**March 18, 2021**

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

My name is Dr. Brian Evans. I have been a practicing dentist in Hamden, Connecticut for 14 years. I received my dental training at LSU in New Orleans and continued my residency there in periodontics. I have been a board-certified since 2004 and served in the United States Navy as a active duty periodontist for three years and eight years inactive. I have served on numerous state dental task forces including the Anesthesia Task force and most recently, the COVID-19 Task force to address problems and find solutions for our Connecticut State Dental Association membership. I am writing in support of proposed HB 6589 – An Act Concerning Third-Party Access to Participating Dental Provider Contracts. This bill would specify the circumstances in which a health carrier may enter into a contract with a third party for the purpose of providing the third party with access to a participating dental provider contract. This bill would also ensure that the standards governing insurance network leasing contracts provide: (1) Sufficient transparency before an insurance network may be leased; and (2) an opportunity for in-network health care providers to approve or reject a proposed insurance network leasing contract.

It is imperative that our state provide protections for our practicing dentists and increase further the transparency among insurance companies so that we may continue serving our communities. I urge you to support HB 6589.

Respectfully Submitted,

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