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Connecticut General Assembly
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**Testimony Regarding H.B. 6439 An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium
Ending June 30, 2023 and Making Appropriations Therefor: Human Services**

Dear Senator Osten, Representative Walker, Senator Hartley, Representative Dathan,
Representative Nolan, and esteemed members of the Appropriations Committee,

My name is Roberta Friedman, and I am a resident of Hamden, and am on the board of the Connecticut Oral Health Initiative, which is member of the Medicaid Strategy Group, a coalition of Connecticut Medicaid advocates. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony regarding the Governor's Proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget for Human Services.

I strongly urge you to amend this budget to:

- **Increase HUSKY A and D eligibility limits to 201% FPL** so that lower income adults can access quality, affordable health care.
 - This would include dental coverage for adults, and for children on Medicaid through school-based health centers. The lack of dental coverage affects, among other things, the employability of adults and the ability of children to concentrate in school due to dental pain.
- **Create access to HUSKY programs** for all income-eligible immigrants
- **Remove the asset test** added to the Medicaid Savings Program
- **Restore cost of living increases** for Connecticut's lowest income residents

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Board Member, COHI