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Honorable Stephen M. Casey
Chair, House Committee on Health and Human Services
State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, R.I. 02903

**Re: Testimony on House Bill 5160-HEALTH CARE
ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT
RI DENTAL ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS PASSAGE**

Dear Chairman Casey:

On behalf of the R.I. Dental Association, I submit this letter in support of passing House Bill 5160. This bill deals with the issue of non-covered services. You will see from the attached history of non-covered services legislation, Rhode Island was the first state in the nation to pass this law. Essentially, this law addressed a policy enacted by national Delta Dental in 2008. This new policy required dentists to abide by the fee schedule for any dental procedures they performed on Delta patients, even though Delta was not paying the dentist for the procedure. Rhode Island passed the nation's first non covered services law that clarified that Delta could only dictate the fee on those services they paid for. At least 46 other states have followed Rhode Island and passed a similar non covered services law. This law has been a model for the entire

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country. There are now federal versions of the bill pending before Congress.

We are proposing a minor amendment to clarify the language on “frequency limitations”. **If you have any questions concerning this bill, please feel free to reach out to me at 401-524-2734 or by email quinlaw@verizon.net.**

- Sincerely yours,

- *Patrick J. Quinlan, Esq.*