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To The Honorable chair and members of the House Corporations Committee,

Please enter this as my official testimony as part of the hearing on Tuesday April 14th, 2026 of the hearing on H 7722

I urge passage of House bill H-7722. As members of the House of Representatives you have had dental insurance as an employee of the largest corporation namely the state of Rhode Island and it's employees.

You have been part of a long-standing systematic monopoly which has the lowest dental fees which is not attracting dentist to come to or return to Rhode Island.

Insurance carriers will tell you that there is only one insurance company in Rhode Island that exists as a monopoly which avoids bona fide contracting, has manipulated the market, and steered hundreds of millions of dollars creating nine for profit corporations. This has been reported to you on many occasions.

Now this Monopoly is unjustly instituting additional fees on to the dentist and reduced allowance of benefits to patients via balance billing. This Monopoly used to pay much higher percentages on many more procedures and have slowly reduced the benefits for you and others as patients.

They maliciously have denied coverage, created burdensome work for practices and untimely waiting periods for patients to receive treatment that they are covered for all under the guys that they are watching out for the patient when in reality they are just keeping the premium money invested which has created these nine-for-profit corporations.

This build is not create new cost for the insurer because as you know as patients, changing the payee does not expand covered services or raise the per member maximum benefit.

This bill would simplify the fee allowance tables of claims for offices and for patients, would protect the patients and eliminate administrative burdens that now exist.

I am a retired dentist and will not benefit in any way except as a patient.

I thank you for your time and service. As a former elected official, I certainly appreciate challenges you endure that many of your constituents are not aware of.

Sincerely,

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