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The Honorable Chair and Members House Corporations
Committee

Regarding Bill H7722: Written Testimony From Insurer - "The Bill Would Erode Insurer and Patient Protections"

Dear Chairman Solomon and Members:

I write you today in rebuttal of the assertion that passing bill H7722 would cause a disadvantageous interference with insurance and patient protections.

As written, the bill would not remove any protections currently in place. Insurers would retain full rights to claim review, to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse of this service by patients. All claims would still go through the same process whether the dentist is or is not in network. Therefore, no insurer protections would be removed.

On the patient's side, this bill would positively affect patient rights and improve their access to care.

Patients would gain guaranteed access to the maximum benefit at the insurer's existing rates, as well as have the freedom to choose their dentist. They could see any dentist, and be assured they'd be able to use their dental insurance toward their care - without any reduction in amounts paid by the insurer. This would embody complete freedom of choice for patients and restore the intent of the 2004 statute.

This bill does not increase costs, as noted by opponents. Instead, it restores a free market where patients can decide on their own what they want to spend on their care and who they want to provide their care with the knowledge that their insurance payment toward that care will not be reduced in any way. In other words, this bill does not erode patient protections, rather it provides them with one.

This would only affect the insurer's bottom line if they were trying to pay out less money when the patient chooses a dentist who is out of network with them. There should be no motivation by the insurance companies to influence who patients choose to see for their dental care. Dental work is already stressful enough for most people; they should not have to go through additional stress when going to the dentist they feel comfortable with would cause them to have a higher co-pay, especially when they are already paying so much for these benefits.

Respectfully submitted,

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