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Dear Chairman Solomon,

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 7837.

As a dental hygienist, I see firsthand the importance of preventive oral healthcare and the barriers many patients face in accessing these essential services. Dental hygienists are highly trained, licensed healthcare professionals who play a vital role in disease prevention, early detection, and patient education.

HB 7837 represents an important step toward improving access to care across Rhode Island. Allowing dental hygienists to practice to the full extent of their education and training can help expand access—particularly for underserved and vulnerable populations—while also supporting a more efficient and patient-centered healthcare model.

By increasing access to preventive services such as cleanings, screenings, and education, this legislation has the potential to improve overall health outcomes and reduce long-term healthcare costs through early intervention.

I respectfully urge the House Corporations Committee to support HB 7837 and advance this important legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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