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House Corporations Committee

Honorable Representative Solomon and Members

Re: H8381 – Support

Dear Chairman Solomon and Members of the Committee,

As President of the Rhode Island Dental Association, I respectfully ask for your support of House Bill H8381. Rhode Island's dentists should not have to pay to receive reimbursements that have been earned through the delivery of patient care.

As we have a crisis and lack of providers for our patients, support of H8381 will be a contributing factor rather than a deterrent to attract dentists to practice in our state.

As a pediatric dentist, I would also like to offer the perspective of my specialty. Every dollar lost to unnecessary processing fees is a dollar that could otherwise be invested in caring for children—whether through preventive services, staffing, or maintaining a child-friendly clinical environment. Pediatric dental practices already operate within tight margins while striving to meet the needs of families. Additional financial and administrative burdens ultimately impact access to care for children, who rely on timely and consistent dental services for their overall health and development.

Beyond the financial impact, the current system creates operational strain. Staff spend valuable time navigating portals, disputing fees, or requesting alternative payment methods that still carry costs. These additional

administrative burdens detract from time better spent on patient care, scheduling, compliance, and insurance processing.

Insurance reimbursements should go toward patient care—not payment processing fees. Ensuring that payments reach their intended purpose is a straightforward matter of fairness and sound policy.

Bill H8381 promotes fair practice for our already heavily burdened providers, and which results in less strain on overhead to help provide the best possible treatment to your constituents.

Our Governmental Affairs team has submitted lengthy information to you. If you would like to discuss this further, we are available.. Futhermore, on behalf of ALL of the dentists of Rhode Island, I respectfully urge your support and passage of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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