

Dear House Health and Human Services Committee,

My name is Ray English III and I am an oral surgeon in Warwick, RI, writing in favor of bill number H5075. Let me begin by thanking you for scheduling a hearing for this bill. The bill is supported by the Rhode Island Dental Association and the Rhode Island Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

We feel this bill is important because currently no oral surgeon sits on the dental board. The bill would require that one specialist position on the dental board be allotted to an oral surgeon. This is important because as an oral surgeon we deal with not only dental issues, but medical and anesthesia matters as well. It would be prudent to have an oral surgeon on the board to provide expertise in these areas when issues arise. We respectfully urge the Committee to pass this bill. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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