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The Honorable Melissa A. Murray  
Chair, Senate Health and Human Services  
Rhode Island State House  
Providence, RI 02903  
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Re: Support for Senate Bill [S 2878](#)

Dear Chairwoman Murray and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Rhode Island Oral Health Coalition, I am writing in support of the proposed legislation, Senate Bill [S 2878](#), which would allow a Public Health Dental Hygienist to seek reimbursement from any other insurance or third-party payer. Allowing Public Health Dental Hygienists to bill other insurances (e.g., Medicare) would help bridge the gap for underserved populations by expanding the availability of dental care services to all Rhode Islanders.

For this reason, the Rhode Island Oral Health Coalition strongly supports the proposed bill.

Thank you for considering our support on this matter.

Sincerely,

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