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Dear Chairman Lippert and members of the House Healthcare Committee,

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment yesterday on behalf of the Vermont State Dental Society (VSDS) in support of increased Medicaid dental reimbursements for the FY23 budget. I am also providing additional information as requested by the Committee related to Vermonters that carry some form of dental insurance, including those on Medicaid.

As was mentioned, the Vermont Department of Health periodically collects information about how Vermonters are insured through the Vermont Household Health Insurance Survey. The results of the most recent survey were [published in February, 2019](#), from a survey taken in 2018. As you will see in that document, the following was revealed based on the survey:

- About 1 in 4 (26%) Vermonters had dental coverage through Dr. Dynasaur (13%) or Medicaid (13%).
- 61% of Vermonters reported having any kind of insurance coverage that pays for dental care in 2018.
- Among Vermonters with dental insurance, 62% received coverage through a private insurance plan provided through an employer or union.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions related to this, or the VSDS request in general to add an additional \$500,000 to the FY23 budget to accommodate an adjustment for the balance of dental procedures identified by the stakeholder group in 2019 but not included in the 2022 budget adjustment bill.

Respectfully,



Executive Director