



GENERAL TEAMSTERS LOCAL 251

Affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Washington, D.C.

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House Committee on Corporations
Chair Joseph Solomon Jr

Sent by email to HouseCorporations@rilegislature.gov

Re: Oppose H7082

The Honorable Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Teamsters Local 251 opposes H7082, the misnamed RI FAIR SHARE FOR DENTAL CARE ACT, which calls for a medical loss ratio to be eighty-five percent (85%).

This legislation is deceiving and does not do what it proclaims to do, which ostensibly is for non-profit dental insurance providers to pay more for actual dental care in Rhode Island. Many Teamster members and family members enjoy the highest level dental benefits in the State. These benefits are through the collective bargaining process and governance of Taft Hartley Benefit Trusts by Union and Employer trustees. The impact of this legislation would be to raise the cost of providing these benefits, by as much as over 40% annually, but does nothing to improve the already superior benefits being provided.

For these reasons, Teamsters Local 251 strongly opposes H7082.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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