RE: HUSKY cuts in Proposed Budget

Dear (Senator or Representative Name),

My name is (Name) and I live in (City/Town). I wish to address the impact that the proposed Medicaid cuts in the Governor's budget would have on the Connecticut residents who are covered by HUSKY.

Loss of Dental Medicaid for HUSKY A parents over the 138% FPL and Pregnant Women over the 190% FPL is detrimental to their health, nutrition, employability and that of their children.

• (Pick two or three facts to insert here)

It seems impossible that the parents who will be cut from HUSKY A will seek dental care, as they will not be able to afford dental insurance and the associated out-of-pocket expenses for the deductibles. The costs to the state will rise as more start using the Emergency Department for dental pain.

Medicaid Provider Rate Reductions will result loss of access to dental care.

On March 27, the Department of Social Services set forth Medicaid Provider Rate Reductions included in the Governor's Recommended Budget, reducing dental reimbursement rates by 5.6%.

HUSKY Dental has been run very tightly and fiscally conservative, providing only appropriate services. (Add two or three points)

I ask you to <u>not</u> remove parents and pregnant women off of HUSKY, and <u>not</u> to allow the reimbursement rate reductions. Oral health helps their overall health and well-being.

If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at (your phone and/or email). Thank you for your time and your commitment to the health of all Connecticut residents.

Sincerely,

Your Name Your Street Your town, CT, Zip Your phone Your email