



House Committee On Education
Chair Doherty and members of the committee

RE: HB 4127 oral health in schools

WE ARE A STRONG NO

This would create a new program, increasing state government as oversight. We all agree that children benefit from good dental hygiene and the importance should be part of the health curriculum, but exams and treatment shouldn't be school-based outside of parent responsibility and knowledge. This is government overreach.

This bill infringes on "personal responsibility" because parents are responsible for their children's health. Many parents consider school screenings an invasion of their privacy. Local non-profits provide dental services to those that cannot afford dental care for their children. Making the program school-based is a way of providing care without parent knowledge or consent. Public schools are being made a welfare institute. There are other ways to provide dental care for low-income without a school-based program.

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