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Good Morning, Senator Lee,

We tried to capture some of the conversations we have had on this bill in a couple of amendments. Please take a look and let me know your thoughts. The first amendment exempts us out. This is important given that we still have a true dental insurance product, and the bill as written will erode our network and will allow balance billing of our networks. The exemption provides us time to evaluate or product and potentially change it to a prepaid dental product similar to what the NDDA was describing in their economics argument.

The second amendment is a transparency amendment. It is consistent with what other providers already have to do. According to NDDA, these conversations are already occurring in the chair, so it seems unlikely they should oppose?

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