Subject: Please Oppose SB 115

Dear Senator [Last Name],

I am writing to express opposition to Senate Bill 115. Rising health care costs are a major concern for Ohio’s employers and their employees. This is a key reason why we oppose SB 115, which would increase the cost of dental care for our employees and their family members.

SB 115 would eliminate dental carriers’ ability to set fair and reasonable maximum allowable fees on services not covered by an employer’s dental plan. If adopted, the bill would increase the out-of-pocket cost of dental care and remove a valuable component of dental coverage for our employees.

Dentists and dental carriers freely enter into contracts that include cost protections for consumers, even if the dental service is not covered by the patient’s dental plan. As a result, dental patients save money on their care and have peace of mind knowing that they are not being subjected to excessive fees. SB 115 would eliminate these savings and take this important consumer cost-protection measure away from Ohio families.

SB 115 could also contribute to an increase in overall healthcare costs, since an increase in costs could easily lead to some patients neglecting their dental care until more severe and expensive problems occur. Poor oral health has been linked to diabetes and other serious medical conditions.

Higher costs for dental care, government intrusion in private contracts, diminished oral health, and higher overall health care costs are all potential ramifications of SB 115. We urge you to oppose SB 115 and encourage your colleagues to do the same.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our opposition to SB 115.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Organization]