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As your constituent, I am asking you to co-sponsor the Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act (ELSA). This legislation will require health plans to cover medically necessary services for individuals affected by congenital anomalies, including oral treatment for people with ectodermal dysplasias.

Ectodermal dysplasias are rare, genetic disorders affecting an estimated 3.5 in 10,000 individuals. People with these conditions lack the ability to properly develop teeth, breast tissue, sweat glands, hair and nails. Their teeth may be missing, completely absent, have defective enamel or be shaped differently. If the teeth are not repaired and/or replaced, these individuals will have chewing, swallowing, digestive, speech and self-esteem issues.

States have existing statutes that mandate medical benefits to “people born with a congenital anomaly and resultant missing/defective body parts”. Yet, insurance companies auto-deny claims for medical treatment when the missing body part is TEETH. ELSA would close this loophole and ensure that health plans cover the complex oral restorative care families affected by ectodermal dysplasias need.

On average, someone born with ectodermal dysplasia spends a significant amount of money on necessary medical and dental care throughout their lifetime.

I urge you to co-sponsor the Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act.

Thank you,

YOUR NAME

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