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Senator Handley, Representative Sayers and Members of the Public Health Committee

My name is Helen Raisz, Farmington, CT. I am here today representing the members of the Connecticut Coalition on Aging, CCOA, an organization advocating for vulnerable seniors since 1974.

Every year the Coalition conducts a survey to determine the Legislative Priorities for the current session of the CT General Assembly. This year we received over 1200 responses.

Priority Number 2 was "**Promote a comprehensive universal health care coverage program for all ages.**" Support legislation to provide universal coverage in Connecticut, and insure access to health insurance coverage for those without insurance.

The Coalition supports SB 1 An Act Increasing Access to Affordable, Quality Health Care . The Coalition agrees with other members of the Health Care for All Coalition that any health care measure must adhere to the principles established by the Institute of Medicine, and adopted by the Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut .

Thank you for your time and attention. Connecticut urgently needs the passage of this bill.

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