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Good afternoon everyone,

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I am a human being named Barbara Albert. I'm a registered voter, resident of Htfd, Ct, Human Rights Advocate and Activist, and multiply medically challenged.

I have had jobs and still am a taxpayer, however, due to many medical illnesses, I've been receiving assistance from Medicare and Medicaid since the late '80s. I do volunteer work when able. I've been homeless before, and still, I'm just barely surviving.

It's my opinion that Medicaid and Husky programs are NOT successful Federal-State health care partnerships, designed "to meet the complex medical and mental health needs of low income people they serve". According to Medicare Patients Rights, I have the right "if I have a complex or serious medical condition, to receive a treatment plan that includes direct access to a specialist." I do not have access to qualified specialists for my medical needs, been therapistless for 2 1/2 years, which is unfortunately negatively affecting all of my medical challenges, including what's left of my sanity. I receive nothing in writing about why any healthcare service is denied - also in violation of my rights. I'm unable to appeal decisions made by who ever ~~fills~~ these "denied" stamps.

Physicians are reluctant to accept the Charter Oak Health 'Plan'. And the Sustinet 'Proposal', aka - healthcare 4 every1, refuses to acknowledge "aged, blind and disabled". Am hoping that this proposal is part of the journey - not the destination. Healthcare is critical for all people, no matter what medical condition, what age, or financial situation. Every human being is eligible to become ill. Thank you all for listening, and your patience.

# Universal Declaration of Human Rights



(3) The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures.

## *Article 22*

Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, through national effort and international co-operation and in accordance with the organization and resources of each State, of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality.

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## *Article 23*

(1) Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.

(2) Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work.

(3) Everyone who works has the right to just and favourable remuneration ensuring for himself and his family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemented, if necessary, by other means of social protection.

(4) Everyone has the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests.

## *Article 24*

Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay.

## *Article 25*

(1) Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.

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(2) Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children, whether born in or out of wedlock, shall enjoy the same social protection.

## *Article 26*

(1) Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.

(2) Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental