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Sen. Joseph Crisco
Co-chair, Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Rep. Steve Fontana
Co-Chair, Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Dear Sen. Crisco, Rep. Fontana and Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee:

I am writing in enthusiastic support of both HB 6582, an act establishing the Connecticut Health Care Partnership, and HB 6600, the Sustinet health insurance plan.

Health insurance costs are skyrocketing. And with each passing day, more and more people in Connecticut are losing health insurance coverage for themselves and their families. Our current system of health care is broken, and we urge you to act now, and to act boldly

HB 6582 would allow non-state public employers, municipal-related employers, small employers and nonprofit employers to join self-insured plans. This would result in significant savings for a number of these stakeholders.

Passage of 6582 is an important and necessary first-step as part of the comprehensive health system reforms as proposed by **HB 6600**, the Sustinet health insurance plan. This plan is one of the most thoughtfully and thoroughly developed in the country. Your support would put Connecticut as a national leader in health care coverage that is quality, affordable and accessible.

These are difficult times. We look to you for strong leadership on fixing our health care system once and for all. *Your support of both HB 6582 and 6600 will help ensure your legislative legacy and importantly – provide the quality, affordable health care system that we all deserve.*

Sincerely,

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