



CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF
REALTORS® INC.

Statement on

**H. B. 5013: AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE
CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE**

Support

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Connecticut Association of REALTORS® wishes to express strong support for H. B. 5013 An Act Concerning The Board Members of The Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange. The expansion of the Board's membership from 11 to 14 to include a small employer, a consumer of specialized health care services and the Health Advocate as a voting member will result in a more diverse representation serving the citizens of Connecticut. In that the Health Insurance Exchange is currently making key decisions moving forward, these additions should be made as soon as possible.

The inclusion of the additional members will contribute to the Board's ability to achieve its goals in reducing the number of individuals without health insurance by assisting individuals and small employers in the procurement of health insurance by offering easily comparable and understandable information about insurance options. The Association's membership, consisting for the most part of independent contractors, is currently at a distinct disadvantage in procuring affordable comprehensive health insurance.