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My name is Lorna Caban and I am writing on behalf of all of my clients that I see every day; in support for this legislation to pass the proposal to create a State Basic Health Plan (SBHP). I am a Community Health Outreach Worker in a Community Health Center in Hartford, Connecticut. In my position I help our patients in the process to apply for state insurance through the Department of Social Services. I help them fill out the application and then continue to give them guidance during this process. Every day I get adult patients who come to see me with hope in their eyes, asking if I could help them with some kind of insurance. Unfortunately in this State if you are an able working adult you must have an income of \$512.05/month for a single adult or 693.55/month for a couple. Can you imagine how many adults who work hard every day, but do not have insurance access at their jobs, must feel when they hear this news? Most of the time I get an answer like “what does the state want for me to quit my job so that I could be healthy”. A lot of these adults are surviving on unemployment benefits or minimum wage and because the benefit is over the State monthly income limit they

are not eligible. I get very sad every time I see this situation, which happens way too often. Lots of these people are sick with such diseases as diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma to name just a few. These illnesses need frequent medication that these uninsured people have no access to and therefore are deteriorating before our own eyes. They need insurance badly and it's this loophole of people who are stuck without options. Our people who are struggling with low monthly income yet are over the State monthly income limit. Raising this income limit would be an amazing accomplishment and would make a huge difference on the health of our communities. I support this proposal fully and by passing it our Connecticut residents will be healthier and therefore be much happier.