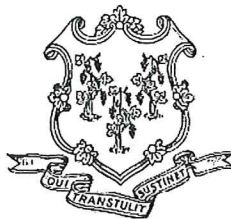


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**Senate Bill No. 318: AN ACT REQUIRING PRIOR APPROVAL OF ASSESSMENTS AND USER FEES CHARGED TO HEALTH CARRIERS BY THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE.**

Co-Chairs, Lesser and Scanlon; Vice Chairs, Hartley and Dathan; and distinguished members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee: Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in support of S.B. No. 318: AN ACT REQUIRING PRIOR APPROVAL OF ASSESSMENTS AND USER FEES CHARGED TO HEALTH CARRIERS BY THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE.

This legislation is necessary as without it being in place, the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange will retain the ability to regulate and adjust Assessments and User Fees without the proper legislative oversight and approval. I believe it is imperative that these decisions are made via the legislative process by representatives accountable to the people,

I also have questions about where Access Health CT spends its resources and the overall benefit to the citizens of our state, I am hopeful that we can debate whether their \$32M operating budget is cost effective considering the small population of policyholders they have procured, approx. 110K, and that they operate in direct competition with private sector.

Thank you for raising this proposal and I look forward to working with the committee to move this legislation forward.

Sincerely,

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