

**Testimony Before the Human Services Committee
March 4, 2021**

**PUBLIC HEARING RE: HB6446 AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S
BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES.**

**Debbie Bruno
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My name is Debbie Bruno and I oppose the Asset Test on the Medicare Savings Program.

During this pandemic I have done everything our governor has asked me to do. I wear my mask, stay at home when told to, and stay six feet apart while in public. There is nothing that I have been asked to do that I have not done. In return Governor Lamont, you have proposed a Asset Test to decide whether I will continue to receive the same medical coverage at the same rate if my annual income is above \$15,720 annually, or have property which value would increase my annual income above this amount.

There isn't much that I do own, being that my only source of income comes from my disability payments which is below this amount. However, I do have a car. It is an older model that my mom brought for me. She wanted me to have it. It is my only source of transportation, and it gives me freedom. I can go where I need to, or choose to. If you pass this Asset Test portion of the governor's budget I may have to give up my car. It is more than an asset it is a connection between me and my mom.

Thank you Debbie Bruno