

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Anne Baker and I am a student and resident from New Haven. I am in support of any bill that reduces the uninsured population of Connecticut.

I am on the board of directors of a medical clinic that provides free primary care. We operate on Saturdays. I am incredibly proud of the work of our clinic and our dedication to providing medical care and support services to any adult in our community who does not have insurance. Further, our clinic operates on many thousands of volunteer hours graciously given by students and professionals. Volunteering at the clinic has been a highlight of my education because it is amazing to see the impact that we can provide with our services.

I am also aware that we are serving a small percentage of the need in Connecticut. Moreover, our residents should not be dependent on the volunteer time of students and professionals to access medical care and should not have to depend on a clinic that only operates one day a week. Connecticut should do more to decrease the number of the state's residents who do not have medical insurance.

I support S.B. No 956 and hope the committee will vote in favor of the bill.

Thank you for your time,  
*Anne Baker*