

Dear members of insurance and real estate of the ct. general assembly, I am MARC DEGREGORIO a member of NAMI and a board member of NAMI ELM CITY. I am also a parent of a young adult female [38] that has suffered debilitating disability from schizophrenia. This bill SB842 is about more equity and accessibility to health insurance. My daughter was adopted from DCF and we were fortunate to have had HUSKY MEDICAID for all of her adoption. She currently resides in a nursing facility ,because she has had extreme health issues emanating from her mental illness. This Medicaid has truly been a financial life saver for my family. Her medical costs I'm sure are in the hundreds of thousands if not more. The public option and accessibility will give more families the opportunity to get insurance coverage and keep them from bankrupting medical costs. Or possibly going with out any insurance for their family.s842 needs to be passed ASAP. Especially in light of the pandemic and many losing their health insurance due to job loss. The bill is necessary to bring more equality to the system Until the system can be reworked so ALL citizens can get health insurance coverage, we need to make this start. The profit motive in health insurance is literally killing people. Sb842 can be a literal life saver for hundreds. I thank you for your consideration and support.

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