

Insurance Committee,

Connecticut faces a challenge. 2020 has taken a toll on families, small businesses, and everyday people all over the state between COVID-19, unemployment, and rising health care costs.

Connecticut families have struggled. We have persevered. We have done the right thing, taken care of each other, and worked together to overcome this terrible crisis.

Now, we must take the steps to ensure that no one in Connecticut is left without healthcare coverage when they need it the most. I am calling you to support and pass S.B. 842, a bill that will create a public option in Connecticut. Other countries have shown us that overall costs decrease and general health increases under a public health option rather than one that is commodified and often works against the interests of patients. Consistently studies and surveys show that 70% of Americans support single payer health care. Connecticut has an opportunity to lead our nation by demonstrating we listen to the will of our constituents.

COVID-19 has shown us that our own wellness is dependent upon the health of everyone in our community. Health care makes our families and our businesses stronger. Please support S.B. 842 to ensure that all Connecticut residents has access to dependable, quality, affordable health care.

Sincerely,

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