

To Mr. Miner and other CT government officials,

Mr. Miner, thank you for notifying me of SB 842. I missed the hearing deadline, but I do want to make sure that you, as my elected representatives, are aware that I DO in fact support the creation of a government-run healthcare system, and I hope that you too will support such a concept. Our current healthcare system restricts people's freedom—we get stuck in jobs because our health care system and health insurance system are so convoluted and expensive, limiting our creativity and ability to move forward in our lives because the healthcare risks are so great. Health insurance premiums are insanely expensive, and healthcare services are charged at ridiculous rates, which are even more ridiculous if you don't have insurance. It is also impossible to know in advance what anything costs, so it's impossible for citizens to control costs either—I personally have tried and failed over and over.

One of the purposes of government is precisely to deal with the kinds of situations that we have found ourselves in in this country: a profoundly dysfunctional market for something that is an essential service for citizens.

In sum, if it's not too late (and it never is, especially if the measure hasn't passed!), I strongly urge you to support government action to improve a healthcare system that does not effectively serve the citizens of our state or country. Other countries appear to do far better with government run systems, so I encourage you to support such an approach given that nothing else seems to have worked in this country or state yet.

Thank you,

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