

Insurance and Real Estate Committee
Public Hearing Testimony Against SB 842:
An Act Concerning Health Insurance and Health Care in Connecticut
2/9/1021

Dear Insurance and Real Estate Committee Co-Chairs Senator Lesser and Representative Wood, Ranking Members Pavalock-D'Amato and Hwang, and other Insurance and Real Estate committee members,

I work in sales at a technology company in Rocky Hill and live in Wolcott. I am lucky enough to have had insurance throughout the pandemic, through my employer. Without my employer's health insurance, I may not have been able to afford coverage for my family. I am calling on the committee to discard SB 842, and not put health insurance for working folks at risk.

If you were to place a tax on my health insurance, there would be two options for me. First, my employer could cover the extra added cost, even though business has suffered this year and budgets are already tight. This could perhaps require my company to downsize employees due to the added cost, putting my job or others at risk.

The second option is that I would pay the added healthcare cost. Well, let me tell you, that would be a huge financial burden. My daughter recently graduated from college, and I am proud to have been able to support her tuition costs, but it has made money tight for the past few years.

SB 842 can only hurt Connecticut employees and small business owners. Now is not the time to be subjecting individuals to an additional tax, especially when health insurance is so crucial. I am calling on you to reject SB 842.

Thanks,
Dennis J. Frosolone