

Dear Members of Insurance and Real Estate of the Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Maggie Goodwin, I am from West **Haven**, Connecticut.

I am a board member of the Ct Chapter of the **National Organization for Women(NOW)**. The National Organization for Women CT chapter **supports S.B. 842: An Act Concerning Health Insurance and Health Care In Connecticut.**

NOW feels S.B. 842 will make health care more equitable, dependable, and affordable for **WOMEN** by creating new public options for health insurance in Connecticut.

Information collected in the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC) and the American Community Survey (ACS) reports that in the US in 2019, **8.0 percent** of people, or **26.1 million, did not have health insurance at any point during the year.** The percentage of people **with health insurance coverage** for all or part of 2019 **was 92.0 percent.** In 2019, **9.2 percent** of people, or **29.6 million, were not covered by health insurance.** Women in CT account for approximately **51.1 percent** of these statistics for the uninsured and represent **100% of biological mothers** without health insurance coverage in CT.

SB 842 will **increase health care coverage** for **WOMEN and MOTHERS** in Connecticut.

Please vote yes to **PASS SB 842.** It is right and just and time for the State of Connecticut to ensure health care coverage to **WOMEN and MOTHERS.**