

Public Hearing - [S.B. No. 842](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT
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I write in support of [S.B. No. 842](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT. I am a Certified Nurse-Midwife in New Haven and North Branford.

Every day, I witness the struggles that Connecticut residents face in their healthcare and health insurance decisions. I also see the value of preventative care as well as ongoing management of chronic health problems. We, as a society, bear the cost of healthcare for our residents one way or another - if prevention and management are unavailable, patients' health concerns turn into emergencies, and we take much more invasive and expensive measures to bring them back to health.

Our current slate of options for private health insurance plus state- and federally-funded programs is incomplete. The conversation on the national level may take years. Connecticut has a long tradition of working toward the greatest good for the greatest number on healthcare, and offering a public option for those small businesses and self-insured individuals who do not qualify for other group plans would begin to close those gaps. Nothing about this plan would detract from other available options. Please support SB842.

Thank you for your time.