

## Support for Senate Bill 842

Please accept this testimony in favor of Senate Bill 842 - AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT.

I am fortunate to have had access to quality health care for all of my adult life and am a big believer in preventive care. This pandemic has spotlighted areas where work needs to be done, particularly regarding access to healthcare during times of health and illness.

This timely bill makes healthcare in Connecticut equitable, affordable and dependable by:

- Providing smaller organizations with access to affordable, quality healthcare
- Widening the net for eligibility into the state Medicaid program
- Reducing out of pocket costs and providing subsidies for those in need

Additionally, SB 842 creates equity in healthcare by making it accessible to populations that are usually uninsured or under-insured including minorities and undocumented individuals.

At the end of the day, we all pay more when access to healthcare is limited. In order to be a fair, just, equitable and productive society, healthcare needs must be accessible to all.

Thank you for your consideration.

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