

Please utilize the following as hearing testimony for SB 842.

I vote no to SB 842. I, like so many in our state would like all health insurance premiums to be affordable. If our current healthcare were more affordable instead, in what used to be "the insurance capitol", all could be potentially included under an uninsured group policy as is done for automobile insurance. Government is not in the insurance business; why operate as an insurance company when we have many qualified commercial carriers?

We've already lost insurance companies previously headquartered in Hartford. Boston is more of a draw for people. Tax rates in Connecticut have become unaffordable for businesses and residents, especially in the midst of Covid shutdowns and increased unemployment. This wouldn't have a positive impact on insurance companies in CT.

I am more in favor of the Republican plan to reduce the cost of healthcare by 20%. A reduction in spending versus an increase is the most sensible choice when endless businesses and residents are leaving our state in large-scale numbers.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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