

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

My name is Jennifer Lafayette, I am from West Hartford, Connecticut.

This past summer when I was on Husky Healthcare, I broke both of my ankles while I was rock climbing. Without hesitation, I knew I could go to the hospital because I had insurance that would be able to provide me with well-rounded care, no questions asked. I experienced this horrific circumstance but received adequate care throughout my healing process. I went to multiple doctor visits and attended physical therapy sessions well after my ankles were healed. A critical point within my healing process was being able to schedule an appointment with an ankle specialist. This opportunity allowed for me to walk multiple weeks sooner than expected by the diagnosis by my first initial doctor. Husky Healthcare allowed for all of this to be possible and lead to my speedy recovery.

Right now, I make a few thousand dollars more annually than the wage threshold to qualify for Husky Healthcare. Due to this fact, I am currently uninsured and running the risks embodied in that situation. By this bill being passed, it would make me and others in my situation eligible for Husky. By SB 842 being passed, it expands eligibility for the state Medicaid program (HUSKY) so more working-class Connecticut families can access dependable, high-quality health insurance they can afford. I urge the Committee and Connecticut lawmakers to support S.B. 842 this session to expand high-quality, dependable, and affordable health care by creating new public options for health insurance.

Thank you for your time,

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