

To Whom This May Concern:

We should not be governed by fear! This reminds me when there was a fight about casinos in the state. It seems as though we managed to live through that without dire consequences as was depicted.

Industries change and adjust.

If employers provided insurance like they did in the 1970s for their employees we would not need state intervention. Because of this, providing citizens insurance is now the issue that is now being confronted and must be done so boldly.

There is a concern for jobs but we have seen all sorts of industries leave and come to Connecticut. Economies are fluid. Big corporations adjust. Even if this is passed, there is no guarantee CVS won't pull out of Hartford if offered some sweetheart deal anywhere in the country.

Insurance companies do not ask the state when they downsize. Why should this be a concern over the health of our entire body politic? More money is spent by these companies in marketing than insuring people. We are overpaying. Perhaps this will cause private enterprise to adjust .

The US is the only industrialized country with an archaic insurance system.

Easing the health insurance burden is best for all citizens, especially our poorest. It seems the people who don't understand this may have insurance from their spouse's employer and are not confronted with the real costs. Where I work, I see people having to pay large amounts for insurance on wages that are not commensurate.

While there is a concern for jobs - what about the health of our citizens?

The major cause of bankruptcy is from a health care catastrophe.

Please support a bill that promotes greater coverage.

Better health care ensures people will miss less work and are more productive. It will help with costs absorbed by the insured. It will relieve the stress in emergency rooms. Most of all, it's the right thing to do.

Sincerely,
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