

I am adamantly opposed to any further involvement of the State or Federal Government in our Healthcare system.

I have been opposed to Obama Care (ACA) and the Connecticut version ever since its inception and even more so after they were enacted. If feel that the health care exchanged need to be shut down and boarded up and revoke all aspects of the programs.

None of these programs actually address the cost and availability of health care, they are health insurance programs which creates pools of people that mandated to buy a product (which is un Constitutional) which is over priced and under serviced. The cost of Insurance and Healthcare has sky rocketed faster than ever before. These programs have caused many companies to reduce the hours and in some cases eliminate positions in the workforce. In addition to all this the actual quality of health care has declined, while pre-existing maybe covered now there are more prescriptions drug restrictions and some doctors have reduced the services they provide. Many doctors have closed up their offices or sold them to bigger entities and while from a legislative stand point it may appear to be a good thing to have larger medical groups, from a patient standpoint it is the exact opposite. We have to wait longer for appointments, we need more pre-authorizations, and for the first time in my life insurances are requiring co-pays for preventive/ diagnostic blood/lab work.

Further government involvement in healthcare will kill good-paying private sector insurance jobs in our state, raise the cost of private and employer health insurance, force people onto Medicaid and put Connecticut taxpayers on the hook to pay for the government-run program's future losses.

We are already over burdened with programs that at best provide a negative return on our investment (tax dollars) and at worst are a total waste of our tax dollars, to further take us down a road where we are creating programs that only expand government involvement in our lives is irresponsible and negligent. This will force more employers to leave our state and take their jobs with them as well as force even more out of business all together and in return it will force more people to leave our once great state.

The condition of our state makes it extremely difficult if not impossible for retirees to remain here and many of our young people leave as soon as they graduate from college to find good jobs and stable life styles that are no longer available here.

SB 842 needs to be shot down immediately.

Regards.

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