

Testimony before the Insurance and Real Estate Committee
**SB 842 An Act Concerning Health Insurance and Health Care in Connecticut -
Against
Nick Musante**

Chairman Lesser and Chairwoman Woods, and Ranking Members Hwang and Pavalock D'Amato,

Thank you for having me appear before the committee. I would like to take the time to voice my concern with SB 842.

There are hundreds of small businesses and hard-working employees that will experience significant increases to their health insurance costs as a result of this bill. Businesses and employees cannot afford and do not deserve another financial burden, especially during a global health crisis.

Because of COVID-19, access to healthcare is such an important policy priority, but not at the expense of local business leaders trying to stay afloat. Small and local businesses have suffered so much during the pandemic and adding additional costs from a tax on their healthcare plans would add more strain on their budgets.

SB 842 will greatly impact the susceptible business population of Connecticut. If you want to truly help defend the health of the most vulnerable, the committee will reject SB 842.

Sincerely,
Nick Musante