

My name is Jaime Myers-McPhail and I live at 135 Bellevue Rd, New Haven, CT. I support a public option that is open to everyone. For most of my life I had no health insurance. When I was 19 I was in a bad accident, a car hit me going 50 miles an hour while I was walking. I was extremely fortunate that I did not die or even break a bone. However, I was terrified to get checked out because I couldn't afford the bill. Years later I began suffering severe pain and learned that I had a spinal injury, but because I didn't go to the hospital it went undetected and untreated. Now it affects my mobility.

Thankfully I now have excellent health Care through my union. It enabled me to get health screenings and detect issues early on when illness could still be treated or prevented. My older brother died from colon cancer at age 43. He only found out when the cancer was too advanced to treat. My health care literally saved my life.

*Too many Connecticut families don't have those benefits. They are trying to survive and do the right thing, take care of themselves and take care of each other, just as we have worked together to overcome this terrible crisis.*

*Now, we need to ensure that no one in Connecticut is left without healthcare coverage when they need it the most. This is why we are asking Connecticut legislators to support S.B. 842, a bill that will create a public option for Connecticut.*

*Thank you,*

*Jaime Myers-McPhail*