

Insurance Committee,

Connecticut faces a challenge. 2020 has taken a toll on families, small businesses, and everyday people all over the state between COVID-19, unemployment, and rising health care costs.

Connecticut families have struggled. We have persevered. We have done the right thing, taken care of each other, and worked together to overcome this terrible crisis.

Now, we must take the steps to ensure that no one in Connecticut is left without healthcare coverage when they need it the most. I am calling you to support and pass S.B. 842, a bill that will create a public option in Connecticut.

We need a public option that:

Puts people over profits

Is available even when people lose their jobs

Is accessible to anyone regardless citizenship status

Offers affordable, reliable care

Doesn't break the bank for small employers who want to cover their employees

COVID-19 has shown us that everybody needs care they can count on. Health care is a racial justice issue, health care is a right. Health care makes our families and our businesses stronger. Please support S.B. 842 to ensure that all Connecticut residents has access to dependable, quality, affordable health care.

Bill Shortell