

Dear Members of Insurance and Real Estate of the Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Terri Tibbatts, I am from **Washington**, Connecticut. I am a co-owner of Nichols Woodworking. I support S.B. 842: An Act Concerning Health Insurance and Health Care In Connecticut.

S.B. 842 will make health care equitable, dependable, and affordable by creating new public options for health insurance in our state.

We are a small cabinet shop that supports two families and high health care costs have always been one of the biggest issues in our business and life.

Luckily, we had a good plan with Connecticare when our oldest son was diagnosed with leukemia in 2007.

We fully supported the ACA as it protected him from discrimination for this big pre-existing condition. The Republicans have repeatedly tried to dismantle this important and life saving legislation.

I urge the Committee and Connecticut lawmakers to support S.B. 842 this session to expand high-quality, dependable, and affordable health care by creating new public options for health insurance.

Thank you for your time,
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