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**Insurance and Real State Committee Public Hearing**

**Letter of Support for S.B. 842: An Act Concerning Health Insurance and Health Care in Connecticut**

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

My name is Veronica Ubaldo, I am from Bridgeport, Connecticut. I am a leader with Make The Road Connecticut and 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.

My sister Martha has breast cancer and kidney malfunction. Because of her undocumented status she doesn't have access to healthcare. She needs quality care for her kidney, she wasn't able to see a doctor constantly because she couldn't afford to pay the visits, she went into a coma for a week. She doesn't qualify for a kidney transplant because of her status. Because of her condition, she cannot work and this also impacts her life as she can't meet her financial needs and I have to support her.

I have to work 6 days of week for 10-12 hours so I can support my family financially. Because of my income I don't qualify for any type of husky. My daughter and I have not been able to afford healthcare. I have to pay for medical and my personal bills. My daughter's dentist says she needs to get braces urgently and I cannot afford it. I have to choose between getting her the dental care she needs or paying for rent or food to eat. In order to make ends meet I need to work long hours everyday so I can afford to take care of my family. I personally haven't gotten to the doctor. I suffer from epilepsy, and I have to get checked regularly, and I cannot afford to go to the doctor. I cannot even go to the local clinics.

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,  
Veronica Ubaldo, Leader at Make the Road CT