

Dear Members of the Insurance Committee,

My name is Terra Volpe. I live in New Fairfield. I'm writing today in support of SB842.

The state has a moral obligation to the people of CT to reduce the heavy and grossly unfair burden of health care costs, as soon as possible. THIS bill is part of the solution! Currently, my family gets our health insurance through the ACA. My husband and I have 2 children that are covered along with us. We have a \$15,000 deductible. This alone prohibits my husband and I from receiving health care because we need to be able to send our children to the doctor instead.

Furthermore, our monthly health care costs ARE MORE THAN OUR MORGAGE!!! We are also unable to save money for our children's future college tuition because of this. The state needs to stop prioritizing the profits of the health care industry and prioritize the middle class and working poor. Without doing this, over the next 10-20 years, the state will face an increase of people experiencing what my family is going through. That means you will strip thousands of people of the opportunity to save money! We are tired! We are good people who don't live above our means! Fix It! It's not ok anymore! The result of not passing this bill will literally contribute to killing the working poor and middle class!

Terra Volpe