

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

My name is Steven Winter, I am from New Haven, Connecticut. I support S.B. 842: An Act Concerning Health Insurance and Health Care In Connecticut.

Connecticut is in dire need of more affordable insurance options, particularly for those who are paying the full price plans on the exchange. In looking to get health insurance on AccessHealth CT after moving back to Connecticut from Colorado, the price for a silver insurance policy was more than double for a policy that provided less benefits. A public option will help individuals and families that are struggling with Connecticut's high cost of living.

As a Alder for the City of New Haven, I have seen how the cost of insurance has impacted the City budget and prevented the City from providing improved services to residents. A public option could also address municipalities who are struggling to accommodate the seemingly constant increase in health insurance costs.

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

Sincerely,

Steven Winter
Alder, Ward 21, New Haven