

TESTIMONY

TO: CT State Legislature's Insurance and Real Estate Committee

RE: **YES to SB 346 - I support PUBLIC OPTION INSURANCE IN CT**

DATE: March 5, 2020

I am submitting testimony to support SB 346- a health care public option.

Small businesses are the engines for our economy in CT. Small business owners need the elements this bill would provide: access to health insurance at a lower premium than the Affordable Care Act (ACA), with low co-pays and deductibles (similar to the insurance provided to CT State employees).

The need for good and affordable healthcare continues to grow exponentially. The current quickly-developing crisis over the coronavirus only serves to accentuate the dire need for affordable and accessible health care for CT small businesses. We desperately need the solutions offered in SB 346

I urge you to join me in supporting SB 346

Thank you,
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