

Testimony in Support of SB 346
An act concerning Public Options for Health Care in Connecticut

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Respected Co-chairs, Vice Chairs, Ranking members and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee,

I am submitting this testimony in favor of Senate Bill 346. I am an employee of a large company and my wife is a teacher in Stamford Public Schools. One of the greatest privileges of our life is our access to affordable quality healthcare. This is not a privilege we take lightly, and we find it unacceptable that there are many families and individuals in our state who do not have access to affordable health care plans.

Even as individuals and families are struggling, private corporate insurance providers like Aetna, Anthem and United Healthcare have been reaping more and more profits year over year. Affordable quality health care should be a fundamental right of every individual. We need to ensure that big corporate profits do not take precedence over affordable health care to individuals, families and small businesses.

The Connecticut Plan envisaged in this bill will create affordable new health plan choices for small businesses, nonprofits, Taft-Hartley plans and all individuals. With several plan design options, everyone will have the chance to select a plan that meets their needs for affordability and quality coverage.

This plan would provide the engines of our state economy – workers, families, small businesses and nonprofits – access to the same highest quality and highest value health care that is enjoyed by the legislators who will determine the fate of this bill and a more stable risk pool that will ensure that no business or nonprofit is jeopardized if an employee or family member falls ill. With these added benefits, everyone will feel secure with their healthcare coverage.

Expanding and introducing new health care choices that are more affordable and of higher quality will encourage overall state-wide job growth, including at small businesses and nonprofits, paving the way for Connecticut to become a leader in both economic growth and health care innovation.

I thank you for your time to hear my testimony in support of SB 346.

Sincerely,
Madhav Vishnubhatta