

Dear Senator Mary Daugherty Abrams, Representative Jonathan Steinberg, and Members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Barbara Scheideler and I live in Canton, Connecticut. I stand in support of S.B. No. 1, An Act Equalizing Comprehensive Access to Mental, Behavioral and Physical Health Care in Response to the Pandemic.

We all have a responsibility to address systemic racism, and this is a small step toward that end.

Specifically, I strongly support the following components of S.B.1: declaring racism a public health crisis; standardizing the collection of race, ethnicity, and language data; and strengthening community benefits spending requirements].

Sincerely,

Barbara Scheideler