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Although I am a resident of Hamden, I have been a strong proponent of such a resolution here, and I believe that passing one first in New Haven would be a great help.

More importantly, I believe deeply that every person in New Haven - and in the United States - deserves quality healthcare. Currently, too many are uninsured or underinsured, and struggling with medical debt. Under a single-payer system, every single person in New Haven would have health insurance with no premiums, no copays, and no deductibles. In addition, the City of New Haven could save upwards of \$70 million per year. By voting Yes on this upcoming City Council resolution, you will send a strong message to Hartford and Washington, D.C. that New Haven wants Medicare For All.

For more information, please see the opinion piece I wrote last year in the New Haven Independent: https://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/new_haven_hamden_need_medicare_for_all/

Best regards,

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April 26, 2020

New Haven Board of Alders Health and Human Services Committee

Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

I am a resident of New Haven, and am proudly writing on behalf of myself and my neighbors at 84 Howe Street, New Haven, CT 06511 to ask for your "Yes" vote to approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976), a landmark piece of legislation that would establish a **single-payer national health program** in the United States.

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I recently broke my ankle after slipping on some ice in an accident. Although I was lucky to have health insurance, I still had to pay upwards of \$800 out of pocket to cover an emergency room visit and a follow up visit. I know many of my fellow Americans do not have health insurance and, even if they do, do not have the resources to pay off such large amounts of medical debt during a global pandemic that has drained the resources of so many vulnerable people, particularly black people. If this pandemic has shown us anything, it has shown us the human necessity of single-payer, universal healthcare. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

I am a resident of North Haven and a worker and union member in the city of New Haven, and am proudly writing on behalf of myself and my neighbors to ask for your "Yes" vote to approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976), a landmark piece of legislation that would establish a single-payer national health program in the United States.

Across the country from Philadelphia to Detroit to Los Angeles, towns and cities have been passing resolutions saying that their constituents, their healthcare providers, and their municipal budgets would benefit from a single-payer Medicare-for-All system of healthcare. This also includes towns in CT like New London, Windham, and Willimantic. For me, all of my experiences, both working within the healthcare industry and as an insurance contract holder, have been horrible and have lead me to the conclusion that private insurance is unnecessary, actively harmful, and wasteful.

As a patient, I've skipped visits, delayed appointments and rationed medication to avoid the high cost of health insurance, putting my personal health in jeopardy because of high deductibles, co-pays, and premiums. The risks in these kinds of gambles are severe. As the COVID-19 pandemic has made clear, patients who make tough choices between paying the electric bill and going to see a doctor are making life-threatening decisions that not only affect themselves and their families. These decisions can even put public health at risk. During these lapses in visitations, I was walking around with compromised vision, going through the day with severe pain in my teeth, and ignoring body ailments that thankfully did not develop into more serious dysfunctions but very well could have.

Providing universal, comprehensive, free health coverage to every single person is a moral obligation. No one in our society should die or suffer from a preventable ailment. No one should be unfairly saddled in debt because they were born with a disability, became pregnant, or suffered an accident. It is the very definition of an inequitable society when this occurs. This is what is meant when Medicare-for-All advocates say "healthcare is a human right". Human rights are not commodities and they cannot be sold off or surrendered. They are not only applicable to a certain group of humans and not to others. The result of our negligent private for-profit

healthcare system is 48,000 unnecessary deaths in an average year, which is not even taking into account the extreme circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, which likely contributed to tens of thousands more.

In 2018, prior to the pandemic, my cousin fell ill. When we were young, I sort of adopted him as a younger sibling since I'd never had one, though we'd fell out of touch recently since he had purged all of his social media. He'd moved out to Los Angeles largely at my urging and was living paycheck-to-paycheck as a freelance writer, subletting a room with an immigrant family he could barely communicate with. He'd struggled with mental health issues for years as well as a crippling tinnitus, but he had been telling his working class mother, who'd been paying down the student debt his sister and him had incurred by working long nights as a bartender, that he'd actually been feeling really well lately and was happy for the first time in some time. It's unclear if this was true or if he just didn't want to worry her, but it does appear that he never mentioned that he'd also been having intense stomach pains and was losing a ton of weight. The family he lived with had begged him to seek medical attention, but he refused, likely afraid he wouldn't be able to afford the cost and, possibly, convinced after years of depression that he was not worth the effort of healing. He died alone in his room at 29 years old. I am not sure if he was insured or not, but I have no doubt in my mind that it was cost not access that most prevented him from seeking the treatment he needed (both mental and physical).

But under the current private insurance system, he may not have even received treatment at all even if he sought it out and was capable of paying for it. As a healthcare worker, I saw firsthand when legitimate, medically necessary claims received blanket denials that were later overturned by the independent review organization of doctors and nurses I worked with. I read appeal letters on denied claims from patients expressing how impactful a given treatment had been and how being forced to pay the full market price for it would devastate their lives. A big part of our organization was raising awareness that patients even had had the right to appeal their insurance denials. Most would accept the outcome as inevitable and just accumulate massive amounts of debt to get the care they needed, even though many of the insurance claim denials were at best negligent cost-saving measures. Because of intentionally esoteric coding, healthcare fraud accounts for about \$68 billion losses to consumers, municipalities, and businesses in the United States every year. It is so prevalent that our own state Attorney General William Tong has a spot on his website for consumers to report this abuse. A single-payer system would allow the government greater insight into all healthcare transactions since they would be the sole provider, cutting out the obligations of 3.5 million individual CT residents, businesses involved in cost-sharing, and the dozens of different plans with their own specific rules and guidelines. Over 20 different studies have also proved that these cuts to the bureaucracy of healthcare would ultimate result in savings to the taxpayer and healthcare consumer after the first few years of this major administrative overhaul.

Even when working at the independent review organization, I grappled personally with this abuse and the countless layers of confounding bureaucracy myself. As a parent of a daughter with craniosynostosis, a condition that required a half dozen expensive test and major skull surgery at 6 months old, I spent endless hours on the phone with hospital billing departments and insurance companies trying to get essential services paid for, anticipate how much I would be billed, and trying as a college-educated man with a background in the healthcare industry to understand the complicated albatross of jargon and legalese needed to navigate contract terms

and billing requirements. I had an urgent MRI unjustly denied and overturned upon appeal, but not before being temporarily out \$400 I did not have. This happened all while dealing with invasive surgeries for my infant daughter. Hours on the phone with the hospital and insurance provider ate into free time that could have been much better spent bonding with my young child, particularly as free time was limited in a dual-income house. Having this level of anxiety and frustration be a requirement and a priority of private insurance consumers marks an attack on the working class of this country. A single-payer system would stop outsourcing this labor onto patients and would free us to have more time with our loved ones, particularly the vulnerable and medically compromised loved ones who need us most of all.

As a current union employee in Yale's Local 34, I have seen contract after contract tied up over negotiating to keep our high standard of healthcare coverage. A single-payer system that provides care that is universal, comprehensive, and free for all will allow unions like mine greater leverage in finally pushing to expand wage and fringe benefits that get sidelined by the massive bargaining chip of healthcare. Contract negotiations would no longer need to be fights to maintain the status quo, but could instead finally empower workers to push for a real redistribution of the wealth that our labor creates. Even better, folks without unions would be given more freedom to organize their own workplaces or explore other opportunities without the constant fear of losing the basic means to survival from their employer-based health coverage. Employers know they don't need "captive audiences" for their employees to be aware of how detrimental a loss of healthcare will be.

A single-payer healthcare system would also greatly benefit municipalities, who have been on the hook for far too long for not only the healthcare of town employees and their families, but aging retirees as well. This has caused local budgets to balloon in recent years. Too often the result of this is a reduction in essential staffing, such as teachers, public health officials, or admins, when their health needs become too costly to afford. Even towns in great financial shape have been forced into austerity budgets in recent years, slashing school resources, public works efforts, and emergency response equipment. As the husband of an elected official who serves on the Board of Education, I've seen the struggle of handling a budget that rises year-after-year despite 94% of that budget being tied up in contractual obligations. This has resulted in combining school buses, larger classroom sizes, cuts in textbook costs, and more, which has come at great detriment to the community, particularly during a public health crisis like the COVID-19 pandemic. A single-payer system would finally allow municipalities to invest their own budgets in what's best for their communities.

The for-profit healthcare system is not just a flawed system which needs tweaks, adjustments, and competition to maximize efficiency. It is a predatory institution that preys on people when they are literally at their most vulnerable, siphons every last bit of energy off the helpless, and exploits from all angles our dependence upon it for survival. It is subduing workers, drowning towns and cities, and murdering our family members. It must be abolished.

The ultimate solution to this problem is HR-1976, the federal Medicare-for-All Act of 2021, introduced by Representatives Jayapal and Dingell, and co-sponsored by CT's own Rep. Jahanna Hayes (Senator Richard Blumenthal co-sponsored the bill's counterpart in the Senate in 2019 and likely will again when it is reintroduced). However, in the absence of this body's ability to advance that legislation, we can have New Haven, Connecticut's most worker-friendly and

progressive city, sponsor a resolution saying that the working people of New Haven need Medicare-for-All.

I hope the members of this committee agree that now is the time for a resolution to guarantee every one of their residents a healthcare system that is comprehensive, universal, supports good-paying union jobs, and free-at-the-point of service.

Thank you for your time.

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Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

I am a resident of East Haven, but I am very involved in healthcare advocacy in New Haven. The groups I am involved in are: Mother's and Others for Justice (MOFJ), the co-chair of MOFJ's Helping Everyone Achieve Lifelong Trusted Healthcare (HEALTH), Community Alliance for Research and Engagement (CARE) as a graduate Community Research Fellow and a current REACH (Racial & Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) Steering Committee member, as well as Community Liaison for ENRICH Lab at the Yale School of Public Health.

It is quite obvious with the many different organizations that concentrate on health disparities and inequities that there is a serious issue in New Haven! There is even a difference in health outcomes within a three mile radius in this great City. How is it that where one of the most prestigious Universities in the WORLD reside we have some of the WORST health outcomes?! We hear all of the time that there are very strict governmental regulations in which YNHH, another prestigious institution, that they "live up to and go beyond the guidelines of Community Benefit." For the actual community members, and the data, this is not the case. If the University & the hospital gave all the was due to the community members that live in the City of New Haven there would be much better health outcomes.

Since that is not going to ever happen, New Haven cannot find a more fiscally responsible thing to do than to vote yes for Medicare for All. It would save the City of New Haven at least \$70 million a year!

So I ask you for my adopted City members for your "Yes" vote to approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976), a landmark piece of legislation that would establish a single-payer national health program in the United States.

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Thank you so much for your time and consideration in this extremely urgent public health crisis

during a global pandemic.

Sincerely,

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April 25, 2020

New Haven Board of Alders Health and Human Services Committee

Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

I am a resident of New Haven, living in Ward 10, and I am writing to you all to ask that you please approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976). This is a landmark piece of legislation that would establish a **single-payer national health program** in the United States.

Every person in New Haven - and in the United States - deserves quality healthcare. Currently, too many are uninsured or underinsured, and struggling with medical debt. I am a researcher in the Department of Psychiatry at Yale where I study finances, poverty and health, and our research on debt – based on a survey conducted last summer among primarily low-income residents of the city, found that 20% owe medical debt. Our research and that of other researchers has found a strong connection between unsecured debt such as medical debt and serious negative health outcomes. It is unconscionable and absurd that we push people seeking medical care into a financial situation that risks worsening their health even further.

While many people owe tens of thousands of dollars in medical debt, even relatively small healthcare costs can cause huge problems. One person, I'll call her Janice, who participated in our study told us how healthcare costs pushed her into a spiral that she is still struggling to pull out of. She had recently bought a car so that she could drive to work and was just managing to stay afloat with car payments, rent and utilities, especially after paying for registration, insurance and taxes. It was a struggle, but she knew she'd make it. But then Janice had to have emergency surgery and was left with a \$1,500 copay. In the chaos of her hospital admission, she agreed to a payment plan and provided her bank details but was taken unawares when the first \$500 installment was withdrawn from her account in the middle of the month. It took her overdrawn, adding a \$35 fee; her automatic utility payment added another. Ultimately, Janice was unable to keep her car, and also fell behind on rent. She had trouble sleeping, and her mental health was affected.

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Sincerely,

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Our families and our economy are all struggling as our money goes to subsidize private insurance industry profits instead of providing healthcare.

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Medicare for All in New Haven,

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Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and Committee Members,

I am writing as a resident of New Haven who believes strongly in the importance of Medicare for All.

Ensuring that every person who needs it gets the best possible health care is a basic precondition for a decent society. Good health is the most elemental precondition for human flourishing--it is to our society's eternal shame that we deny that basic human right to generation after generation.

I come from a family of doctors and have many doctor friends, and the most common complaint I hear is that they cannot provide for their patients because of the absurdity of insurance, of hospital billing, of making our system depend on "the market". Enough is enough. Take a stand.

Yours sincerely,

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Human Services Committee,

New Haven Board of Alders Health and Human Services Committee

Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

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** I had an ACA policy from 2017-2019. The first year, in NJ was the best insurance I ever had! The next year it turned to crap and covered nothing before 7k deductible. Moved to CT in 2019, ACA was worse here, more expensive and covered even less. I had a lot of health issues and was underemployed so I made sure I was unemployed by 2020 so I could get Medicaid and finally take care of my health. It is a god-send. I have never had better healthcare since I was a child. Everyone deserves this level of care. How perverse is it that I had to become more poor to get healthcare?

If you believe in social justice, and fighting racism then healthcare is absolutely essential in righting the wrongs of our white supremacist history. With unequal healthcare there will never be equity among the races.

America is seen as barbaric and backwards in the rest of the developed world because of our immoral for profit healthcare industry. It is embarrassing and shameful.

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Health and Human Service Medicare For All Testimony

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April 25, 2021

Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

I am a resident of New Haven, and am proudly writing on behalf of myself and my neighbors at 524 Whitney Avenue to ask for your "Yes" vote to approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976), a landmark piece of legislation that would establish a **single-payer national health program** in the United States.

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As a chronically ill person, I find it abhorrent that people living in the U.S. are forced to rely on a job to provide healthcare. If I did not have a job, I would not be able to 1) have healthcare, 2) be able to afford the medication I need every day and will need for the rest of my life. Everyone should have access to quality healthcare, regardless of whether they have a job. With Medicare for All, New Haven can work to take care of *all* of its residents.

Warmly,

Il'ia Karagulin, 524 Whitney Avenue

Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

Margaret Kearney <kearney.margaret@gmail.com>

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Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

I am a resident of New Haven, and am proudly writing on behalf of myself and my neighbors at 806 Orange St to ask for your "Yes" vote to approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976), a landmark piece of legislation that would establish a single-payer national health program in the United States.

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I am a public school teacher and have heard too many stories from my students' families about untenable and heartbreaking situations that arise when medical emergencies arise and families do not have health insurance or adequate coverage. It's shocking and shameful that a country with so much wealth cannot take care of people's most basic needs.

Sincerely,
Margaret Kearney
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I am also a retiree, and recipient of Medicare. I feel very lucky to have my health needs met under this program, and want everyone -- in New Haven and in the entire US - to be covered as well as I am. Individuals, families, and the economy would all benefit from a single-payer system -- only the private insurance companies would see a decrease in their exorbitant profits.

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Human Services Committee,

To New Haven Board of Alders Health and Human Services Committee

Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

This is Alex Kolokotronis, and I hope you're doing well. I am a Ward 1 resident and I am proudly writing on behalf of myself and my neighbors at 284 Orange Street to ask for your "Yes" vote to approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976), a landmark piece of legislation that would establish a single-payer national health program in the United States.

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I've witnessed the effect of medical debt on friends and family throughout my life. I recall the bill of a few thousand dollars that my friend's family received just because myself and other concerned friends called for an ambulance as teenagers fearing that our friend nearly broke his ankle while playing basketball. In my own life I experienced an asthma attack and avoided checking into a clinic because they did not take my health insurance. The result was that I had to delay finding emergency services, calling hospitals and clinics nearby to see if they would take my health insurance---all while having an asthma attack. Upon finally finding a hospital, I had to spend months resolving being charged hundreds of dollars for emergency services because my insurance information was mixed up when I had checked into the E.R..

These are only a few personal stories among unfortunately many more, with some being more dire. Medicare for All would not only help people in countless ways, but it would help the city of New Haven as indicated above. Imagine what the city of New Haven could redirect its fiscal capacity towards if we had Medicare for All.

best,

Alexander Kolokotronis

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Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976)

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April 25, 2020

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Sincerely,

Nicole Landi

Nicole Landi

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Associate Professor of Psychological Sciences, University of Connecticut

Director of EEG Research, Haskins Laboratories

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Medicare for All testimony

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Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

I am a physician working at Yale New Haven Hospital, and am urgently writing on behalf of myself and my patients to ask for your "Yes" vote to approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976), a landmark piece of legislation that would establish a **single-payer national health program** in the United States.

I work as a urologist, and every single week in my clinic I am asked by my patients how much their surgery will cost. I cannot possibly overemphasize how distressing this is to me as a clinician, to say nothing of the anxiety and fear these patients feel.

With every procedure I perform, sometimes literally to save a patient's life, I wonder whether or not this will ruin them financially. No person goes through the rigors of medical school and residency training expecting to look someone in the eye and say that they need this procedure whether or not they can pay for it. It's a wrenching discussion each and every time, and this is the only wealthy country in the world where physicians are required to have it.

Even when I prescribe common medications, my patients are routinely charged literally hundreds of dollars for a prescription that should not cost more than \$15 out of pocket. If they move to the next pharmacy down the street, they could save thousands of dollars per year. Why is it incumbent on the patient to have to check at each pharmacy whether or not they are being deliberately overcharged by 1000% or more by a drug company with a profit margin in the billions? It's obscene.

The truth is that I never do know exactly how much my procedures or medications will cost; the costs are as opaque to me as they are to my patients. The COVID-19 pandemic in particular has laid bare how inadequate (and frankly immoral) our current private insurance system is. Reform has never been more overdue.

True national change can only start from a broad base of support. The solution is more and more obvious every year. In the strongest possible terms, I urge you to vote "Yes" on this resolution.

Very sincerely,

Adam Ludvigson, MD

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Medicare

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April 27, 2021

New Haven Board of Alders Health and Human Services Committee

Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

I am a resident of New Haven, and am proudly writing on behalf of myself and my neighbors at 99 Woodbridge Avenue to ask for your "Yes" vote to approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976), a landmark piece of legislation that would establish a **single-payer national health program** in the United States.

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Sincerely,

Ken McGill

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Human Services Committee,

New Haven Board of Alders Health and Human Services Committee

Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

Throughout my adult working life, I was unable to afford any form of health insurance. When I hit 65 years old and became a Medicare recipient, I realized what a huge difference it made in my life and how much it would help other people of all ages, as well as save a huge amount of money!

I am a resident of New Haven, and am proudly writing on behalf of myself and my neighbors to ask for your "Yes" vote to approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976), a landmark piece of legislation that would establish a single-payer national health program in the United States.

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No person should have to make medical decisions based on their ability to pay. No person should be afraid that they won't receive quality healthcare or that their class, race, or other factors will determine their ability to access care. I urge you to vote accordingly.

Sincerely,
Lana Melonakos-Harrison
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Driss Nadir

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"Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony"

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Dear New Haven Alders, Health and Human Services Committee,

I write to urge you to vote "YES" in approval of an aldermanic resolution expressing support for federal Medicare for All Legislation, specifically HR1976, the Medicare for All Act of 2021.

TWO-THIRDS of Americans support single payer national healthcare along the lines of HR1976, the Medicare for All Act of 2021.

<https://pnhp.org/news/two-thirds-of-voters-support-providing-medicare-to-every-american/>

We could INSURE the 10% of non-elderly Americans without any insurance with HR1976, the Medicare for All Act of 2021.

<https://www.kff.org/uninsured/issue-brief/key-facts-about-the-uninsured-population>

We could FULLY INSURE the 20% of 'insured' Americans who are actually UNDER-insured (and can't afford care) with HR1976, the Medicare for All Act of 2021.

<https://www.commonwealthfund.org/press-release/2019/underinsured-rate-rose-2014-2018-greatest-growth-among-people-employer-health>

We would SAVE approximately \$300 BILLION - every year with HR1976, the Medicare for All Act of 2021.

<https://www.peoplespolicyproject.org/2020/12/11/cbo-medicare-for-all-reduces-health-spending/>

HR1976, the Medicare for All Act of 2021 would SAVE approximately 68 THOUSAND LIVES every year.

Our current representative in Congress, Rosa DeLauro, does NOT support HR1976 nor has she supported any previous versions of Medicare for All Legislation. It is primarily representative DeLauro's opposition to single payer healthcare that motivated me to challenge her for her seat in Congress in 2020: she is not representing the will of the people and the will of the people needs to be heard.

I urge the alders of the City of New Haven to express your support for this incredibly important legislation.

Sincerely,

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Human Services Committee,

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Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

I am so happy that this resolution about Medicare for All is before you. Please vote "Yes." It's vital that our congresspeople see how municipalities assess federal legislation. Local government support can have a big effect on how "brave" federal legislators will be, in voting for a single-payer healthcare system. Please help all of us achieve universal, single-payer, comprehensive healthcare. It's less expensive than our current system of multiple insurance companies, it'll be easier for medical practitioners to work with, and people will be covered regardless of where they work, or if they're unemployed.

I look forward to not only the Health and Human Services Committee voting "Yes" to approve the aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976), but for this "Yes" to be replicated in all other CT municipalities, the State Legislature, and in other states as well.

Your actions will bring us closer to establishing a single-payer national health program in the United States.

Thank you so much. New London and Windham city councils passed similar resolutions, and I look forward to New Haven joining their ranks in supporting Medicare for All.

With many thanks,
Paula Panzarella

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Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

I am writing in support of H.R. 1976. When the Affordable Care Act first came out, it felt like the first law that was truly life changing for my family. The level of stress I carried as a self employed individual was hugely diminished for a few years, and now New Haven has the opportunity to do something even better.

I currently pay approximately \$1500/month for the most bare bones insurance plan available through the CT exchange. I don't see eye doctors, or skin doctors, I don't go to sick visits or dentists, because I pay \$20K a year in premiums and still none of that is covered.

I've always known that New Haven was a great place to raise my kids, but assumed I'd likely move when they graduated. I have to say though, if CT were the one state in the country that offered self employed people a public health insurance option, it would be very difficult to leave. I remember my Aunt retiring and moving to NV because she said the tax laws there were just too beneficial for her not to take advantage of. I'm realizing now that CT could become that state too, for self employed families who can't afford not to move here, for peace of mind and affordable health insurance coverage.

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April 26, 2021

New Haven Board of Alders Health and Human Services Committee

Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

I am a resident of New Haven writing to ask for your "Yes" vote to approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976), a landmark piece of legislation that would establish a single-payer health program in the United States.

I have been without health insurance for 16 months since losing the plan I had through my partner's previous employer. That means that I have been without any health care throughout the entire COVID-19 pandemic. I tried multiple times to get insurance through ConnectiCare and AccessHealthCT, but there were always small exceptions to my case making me ineligible for **any** plans. I learned through expressing my frustration about this to others, that there are many people in Connecticut who still do not have health insurance not because we don't want it, but because we have fallen through the cracks of the private insurance markets and the quirks of the enrollment periods.

Because I do not have insurance, I avoid regular medical checkups or medical treatment for any issues that might come up; in a pandemic, that makes me a risk not only to myself, but to public health more generally. This has been particularly damaging due to my inability to access mental health services with health insurance, as I've struggled with anxiety and depression due to the pandemic and unemployment. I did have mental health services covered through my previous employer, and the loss of these literally life-saving services at the same time as I lost my job very concretely illustrates the systemic cruelty of tying health insurance to employers. Our current health care model systematically denies health insurance coverage to people in times of their greatest need.

Even when I was able to purchase insurance through ConnectiCare in 2016, the deductible was so high that it made the insurance totally useless to my family for anything other than a major unexpected catastrophe. Again, this meant we have avoided regular checkups and care that could help prevent more serious illness from developing and therefore lower costs for both us and the insurer. While the Affordable Care Act is certainly better than no system at all due to this ability to address catastrophic instances, we truly need a single-payer system through which **everyone** is automatically covered and can get the treatment we need before minor health risks become life-threatening.

Every person in New Haven--and in the United States--deserves quality health care. Currently, far too many of us are uninsured and underinsured, and struggling with medical debt. Under a single-payer system, every single person in New Haven would have health insurance with no premiums, no copays, and no deductibles. We wouldn't have to spend hours and hours "shopping" for insurance. We wouldn't be denied coverage due to eligibility qualifications for enrollment. We wouldn't have to put off care, or live our lives with the fear we may get some kind of injury or illness that we couldn't pay for. Additionally, the City of New Haven could save upwards of \$70 million per year.

By voting "Yes" on this upcoming resolution, you will send a strong message to Hartford and Washington, D.C. that New Haven wants--and urgently needs--Medicare for All.

Sincerely,
Stephen Poland
21 Anderson St.

Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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New Haven Board of Alders Health and Human Services Committee

Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

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As a young mother living in Chicago, I had the opportunity to benefit from Illinois's strong Medicaid program for pregnant women and their preschool children. My children got healthy food and quality medical care at a time when I had no access to private health insurance (even if I had been able to pay, I would have been disqualified due to pregnancy). Meanwhile, I watched friends at other income levels and in other states go without essential care for themselves and their families, or descend deep into debt even while working for a wage. No one should have to live that way.

Everyone in our country should have access to quality healthcare, regardless of how much they make or where they live. I urge you to support the Medicare for All resolution.

Sincerely,

Claire Roosien

366 Yale Ave

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Medicare for All

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Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

I am a resident of New Haven, and am proudly writing on behalf of myself and my neighbors at 100 Temple St., New Haven CT 06510 to ask for your "Yes" vote to approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976), a landmark piece of legislation that would establish a single-payer national health program in the United States.

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Thank you,

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Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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Medicare For All

Carolyn Thompson <thompson.carolyn@gmail.com>

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April 28, 2020

New Haven Board of Alders Health and Human Services Committee

Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

I am a resident of New Haven, and am proudly writing on behalf of myself and my neighbors at Vista Terrace to ask for your "Yes" vote to approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976), a landmark piece of legislation that would establish a **single-payer national health program** in the United States.

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We need Medicare For All, not only here in New Haven but nationwide. But a movement can only begin locally and start with us. The U.S. is the only developed nation in the world that does not guarantee healthcare to all its people, and to rely on the ridiculously flimsy assumption that employers will provide healthcare for their workers. News flash: this isn't happening for many! I am someone who has consistently worked/had employment but because I am a contract worker I have had slim to nil healthcare coverage from most employers. It's becoming more and more common for employers not to provide healthcare benefits to employees, by keeping them part-time or contract based employees, or for those companies less than 50 employees. We cannot continue to ignore this glaring social problem that inevitably leads to more costs than it does benefits. No one should go broke because they have the misfortune of getting sick or injured and facing insurmountable medical debt.

Medicare For All is necessary now in New Haven, across Connecticut, and for all within the U.S. If nothing else, the COVID-19 pandemic has shown how needed quality, accessible **public** healthcare is for all in the U.S.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Thompson

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Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, my Alder Cupo, and all Committee members,

I live in the Wooster Square neighborhood of New Haven and I am writing to ask that you approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976). Far too many people, in New Haven and around the country, are uninsured, underinsured, or struggling with medical debt. This resolution could send a strong message to our federal office-holders and office-seekers that, to correctly represent New Haven in Washington DC, they must be champions for Medicare for All.

I am 23 years old, still currently covered by my father's health insurance. This is not by choice, though - during the enrollment period this past year, I tried to buy my own insurance on the open marketplace, making use of a \$200/month health insurance stipend that my employer was offering. I ended up with an inadequate plan that is almost impossible to use, and I had to ask my father to extend his employer insurance to cover me for another year.

I know this will not be anywhere near the worst health insurance story you hear in testimony, but I include my brief story to illustrate that, **even beyond our uninsured and underinsured neighbors, there are many more of us who would benefit from a single payer system.**

Therefore, I strongly urge you again to pass this resolution. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Charlie Urban-Mead
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Health and Human Service Medicare For All Testimony

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to stress the need for Medicare For All. Connecticut is leading the country in our COVID recovery efforts: childcare and education funding and initiatives are on point and necessary. Decision makers are looking through the lense of equity as well, which gives me hope.

We need to to lead the country in healthcare as well. Mental health issues are at an all time high, health issues in connection to COVID infections is growing, and the economy is struggling to stay afloat. Medicare for All is the only sensible, civilized way to move out of the pandemic and into a brighter future for everyone-- not just the wealthy.

I am a middle class woman with health insurance and a job, and I STILL have difficulty paying 'my balance' of medical bills. My younger son, 31, is in need of medical treatment and mental health services but has not gone for treatment because he can't afford it. I have decided against doctor recommendations for testing because I couldn't afford to pay out-of-pocket expenses. Again, I am middle class. Think of the poor. Think of the children.

Is this the way the 'greatest country in the world' treats its citizens? Do we really care more about money and politics than we do about health and human potential? YOU have the ability to be change agents. You have the ability to be a true leader. Be brave! Do the right thing. It will help everyone in our state and in our country. And you will have left the world a better place. Please make this your priority. Please.

Sincerely,
Barbara Vita
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Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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I am a resident of New Haven, and am proudly writing on behalf of myself and my neighbors at 95 Canner St. to ask for your "Yes" vote to approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976), a landmark piece of legislation that would establish a **single-payer national health program** in the United States.

It is the responsibility of the government of New Haven to advocate for the health and wellbeing of ALL its residents. Right now, people are struggling with medical debt and with untreated or undiagnosed medical issues as a result of being uninsured or underinsured. This hurts our whole community. With a single-payer system, every New Havener would be able to access quality health care through health insurance with no premiums, no copays, and no deductibles. This system could save the City of New Haven \$70 million per year. By voting YES on this upcoming City Council Resolution, you will send a strong message to state and national government that New Haven supports Medicare for All.

I have had my own experiences trying to access health care for myself and my family without insurance. Rather than follow the recommended public health guidelines of regular checkups, we only visited the doctor in the case of emergencies, which were far more costly than routine visits. People should not have to decide whether treatment for a health condition is worth the cost of paying out of pocket or borrowing money.

Sincerely,

Leslie Gross Wyrzten

95 Canner St.

New Haven CT 06511

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The universe of a communion of subjects rather than a collection of objects.

-Thomas Berry

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In Support of the New Haven Medicare for All Resolution

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Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Health and Human Services Committee members,

I am writing on behalf of Sunrise Movement New Haven, a local climate justice grassroots organization made up of majority New Haven residents. As a group focused on the intersection of economic, racial, and climate equality, we are asking you for a "Yes" vote to approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976). This landmark piece of legislation would establish a single-payer national health program in the United States and greatly alleviate many of the inequalities seen today and for decades in our healthcare system, both nationally and in the greater New Haven area.

As a climate justice group, we know first-hand how the impacts of air pollution, extreme weather, and lack of access to clean water negatively affect the health of poor communities and populations of color at a disproportionate rate. We have seen how already high asthma rates from various forms of pollution in these communities have combined with the COVID-19 pandemic to create additional and preventable harm.

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We live under an economic system that is designed to make the rich richer, and the poor poorer. This is apparent in both the fossil fuel and healthcare systems. We need our government to be on our side in fighting this upward battle. By voting Yes on this upcoming City Council resolution, you will send a strong message to Hartford and Washington, D.C. that New Haven wants Medicare For All.

Sincerely,

Sunrise New Haven

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