

Medicare 4 All

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Hi,

My name is Caroline Adams and I live on Hemlock Rd. in Ward 26.

I'm a physical therapist and the need for Medicare for All in the US becomes more apparent to me everyday.

Private insurers prioritize their stock holders over pt care - after all, that's their job.

But to me patients should come first.

Please support Medicare for All as I do.

Thanks,

Caroline Adams, PT

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Human Services Committee,

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Medicare for all, it's better.

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I used to be a principal of a small firm. We all had 'Cadillac' coverage. After that For a time I was able to get excellent Insurance under my then wife's plan. She worked for a hospital and I just had to pay the spousal premium. But the premiums increased Dramatically and the coverage steadily got worse. When I became eligible I switched to Medicare and a supplement. It costs me a lot less than it did before. Unfortunately I have very significant and somewhat disabling medical issues. The coverage I have under Medicare is better than anything else I've ever had. I think it would be great If everybody had it.

Sent from my iPhone

April 29, 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 32 Chambers 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 know that many members of the Board of Alders are members and leaders of unions and as such, intimately understand the massive cost that health care entails when contracts are bargained. Medicare for All will allow union members and all people to use their wages and resources more effectively to improve other parts of lives with the security of knowing their health care is already secured. My own union, UNITE HERE saw almost 250,00 members out of work last year, over 98% of our membership. Having health care tied to employment meant that many thousands of families faced an additional struggle when they needed security and peace of mind the most.

New Haven has watched a changing of the political guard over the last decade and I have heard many alders and members of the Democratic Town Committee justifiably proud of the role that New Haven plays in statewide politics. This is an opportunity to demonstrate real leadership and send a message both statewide and to our federal delegation about what our real values are.

Sincerely,

Mark Firla

32 Chambers Street,

New Haven

Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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Human Services Committee,

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

I am a resident of New Haven (West River neighborhood), 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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**Guadalupe Garcia
Ward 6**

Testimony in support of Medicare For All Resolution

Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and honorable members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

I support Medicare For All and I want to tell you my story. I have lived in New Haven for seventeen years, paying taxes and working hard.

I worked a union job at a New Haven hotel for fourteen years, where the employer provided medical insurance. **Then I lost my job at the hotel because of the pandemic, and so I lost my health insurance.** The hotel laid me off one year ago, and **I have been scraping by with little work and almost zero income.**

I depended greatly on my health insurance, and today I urgently need it, but I am excluded from Husky health insurance because I am an immigrant. **The glasses that I use now are more than two years old, and because of that, I have bad headaches** and an awful pain in my eyes, but I don't have money to buy the eyedrops, which cost \$100 and are very special because I have eczema.

I also have dental problems. I barely have any teeth, and the teeth that I have are in pain. Fourteen years cleaning hotel rooms left me with arthritis, and I need medications to deal with my arthritis pain.

All of us should have health insurance, whether or not we have an employer. It's not fair that we must depend on an employer to give us health insurance. We are human beings and need health care.

Today we are facing a pandemic that has revealed the fragility of our lives. It's time to change the current situation before we suffer another pandemic.

Today is Workers Memorial Day when we honor the workers who have died preventable deaths. Preventable because if we had Medicare For All, they might be alive today.

Thank you for considering my story and for standing together to fight for a dignified life for all who live in this City.



Ubaldo Garcia
Ward 10 resident

Testimony in support of Medicare For All Resolution

Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and honorable members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

I have lived in New Haven for twenty years. I want to tell you my story, so that you can understand why healthcare should be available to all regardless of their immigrant status or how much money they have in their pockets.

A year and a half ago, I was the victim of a terrible crime. A drunk driver ran me over, mutilating my right leg and leaving me with kidney problems. Now I need medical care for the rest of my life, as well as a \$40,000 prosthesis that would allow me to start walking again to carry on a more normal life. I cannot even pay my gas bill now, much less a \$40,000 prosthesis.

I do not have insurance, and the government does not give me any help to pay for my many medications and medical appointments with specialists. This is a great irony because, on one hand, the government excludes immigrants from any assistance, but on the other hand, we pay taxes that end up paying the salaries of public officials, who make these laws that are so unjust.

This is not only a matter of discrimination against immigrants or on the basis of race; the problem goes much further. This is a classist and oppressive system because, in this country, our health is just a business and not a priority.

This is why you should join us to demand that healthcare is available to all regardless of their status or how much money they have in their pockets— it would be available to them because they are human.

Thank you for hearing my story, which is the story of many people of this city, this state, and this country.



Marta Gomez
Ward 5 resident

Testimony in support of Medicare For All Resolution

Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and honorable members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

I am a mom who has lived more than 20 years in New Haven. I have four children who are U.S. citizens, born here in this city. For the past five years, I have been running my own business cooking and selling food. I pay my taxes every year. **Right now I am the only member of my family who is bringing in an income**, since my husband is out of work due to the global pandemic.

Today, Workers Memorial Day, is when we remember the workers who have died preventable deaths because they lacked health and safety protections. We need Medicare For All, because workers are dying.

My medical condition is high blood pressure, for which I've been in the Emergency Room three times. Unfortunately, after I leave the E.R. I have not been able to continue my treatment, because I have no primary care doctor, due to my lack of insurance. I cannot pay for health insurance, and I am excluded from Husky because of my immigrant status.

Every human being deserves healthcare, regardless of how much money is in your pocket or the color of your skin or where you were born.

My biggest concern is that something will happen to me due to not having medical treatment and my children will be left with a mother. I have 4 children and they are still young.

Thank you very much and hopefully everything will be favorable for everyone.

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Vote yes to H.R. 1976 Medicare for All Act

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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 on Wooster 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.

Every person in New Haven - and in the United States - deserves quality healthcare. Currently, too many people are uninsured or underinsured, and struggling with medical debt. Insurmountable medical debt has been a common problem in my immediate and extended family. 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.

I have personally seen how the combination of bad luck and our flawed health care system could lead most families into crippling debt. My second year of college I had an unexpected medical emergency that landed me in the hospital for a few nights. I was covered under my parents' insurance but, even as a nurse, my mom's health insurance left my parents with large medical bills. With bad luck my father and sister also had unexpected medical emergencies within a five year span of my incident. The ever rising cost of living expenses and the piling up medical bills and late fees contributed to a downward spiral for my parents financial well-being. Ultimately they accumulated too much debt between mortgage payments, medical bills, and everyday living expenses that they lost the house that my dad personally helped build to foreclosure during the stress and chaos of this pandemic.

This series of unfortunate events in my family demonstrated how tragedy can befall on anyone, especially since 70% of families in America struggle to have \$1000 in their savings.

In America it is shameful that many of our citizens are faced with either a lack of access to care in the first place or are stuck choosing between getting medical care and massive debt or avoiding care all together. We have the resources to provide quality healthcare to our people and we must unite together to put people's well being over profits. Please vote "Yes" to H.R. 1976.

Sincerely,

Laura Hilton

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Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

Isabella Kaminsky <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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

I am a Yale student and resident of New Haven 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.

Every person in New Haven - and in the United States - deserves quality healthcare. The COVID-19 crisis has only exacerbated this issue and shown how important care for all truly is. 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.

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Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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April 29, 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 writing on behalf of the New Haven Peoples Center to ask for your vote to approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the principles embodied in 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.

Every person in New Haven - and in the United States - deserves quality healthcare. Currently, too many are uninsured or under-insured. As a consequence, many people, including those with high-deductible insurance plans, do not receive timely or necessary care, or are burdened with medical debt. I serve as member of the Board of Directors of the Fair Haven Community Health Center, where over 20% of our patients are uninsured. The Center, and other federally qualified health centers (FQHC's) provides primary medical, dental, and behavioral health services on a self-pay basis to those without insurance, on a sliding scale, but does not refuse care to those who cannot afford to pay. However, when those patients need specialist care or services that Fair Haven or other community health centers do not provide, they must be referred to other settings such as hospitals or specialists. Clinic staff then must try to find the needed services, and the patient is faced with an obscure and complicated, and demeaning process of applying and qualifying for financial assistance ("charity care").

Under a single-payer system, every single person in New Haven would have the ability to access needed health care services with no premiums, no co-pays, or deductibles.

In addition, the City of New Haven could save upwards of \$70 million per year now spent on employee health care that could then be used to lower the tax rate and/or improve needed services.

Because of the vagaries of the federal legislative process, and the possibility that H.R. 1976 will be amended or a substitute proposed, I would suggest a small change in the proposed resolution by adding a few words (underlined):

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Haven Board of Alders enthusiastically supports the principles embodied in the Medicare for All Act and calls on our federal legislators to work toward enactment of those principles in the Medicare for All Act of 2021, assuring appropriate and efficient health care for all residents of the United States.

By voting Yes on this upcoming Board resolution, you will send a strong message to Hartford and Washington, D.C. that New Haven wants Medicare For All.

Sincerely,

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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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Testimony re Health and Human Service 'Medicare For All'

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April 29, 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 75 Woolsey Street, 3rd Floor New Haven, CT 06513, 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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Human Services Committee,

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, a physician, a scientist, and a psychiatrist-in-training. I am proudly writing on behalf of myself, my neighbors, 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.

Every person in New Haven - and in the United States - deserves quality healthcare. Currently, too many are uninsured or under-insured, and struggling with medical debt. Everyday, I am caring for patients who are falling through the cracks; they are overqualified to receive medicaid, and yet their private insurance is inadequate to cover the extent of care they require. 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. As a physician, I am fortunate to be able to earn enough money to support my family and live relatively comfortably, but I would not hesitate to pay more in taxes if it meant that my neighbors and patients could receive more complete healthcare. America's healthcare finance system evolved before the age of modern medicine and modern medical expenses. Third party for-profit insurance agencies are inherently unethical because they are not in the best interest of my patients because they attempt to restrict the care that is necessary by my professional assessment. Please help us take steps toward mending our broken healthcare finance system. 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.

Kind regards,

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**Juana Valle
Resident of Ward 8**

Testimony in support of Medicare For All Resolution

Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and honorable members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

I have lived in New Haven for 21 years, and I want to tell you why I support Medicare For All.

I lost my jobs because of the pandemic. I am a domestic worker who cleans houses. My husband worked in a New Haven pizzeria which was shut down, and to this day we are waiting for an economic bailout. Now he works in a meat packing plant.

We are suffering because we do not have enough money to pay rent and bills. We are in danger of being evicted. In the midst of the pandemic, after my entire family and I were infected with COVID-19, the landlord raised our rent, and for fear of being evicted, we had to agree to pay it.

Many times we immigrants get sick, and we are very afraid to go to the Emergency Room, because afterwards we cannot pay the bills. The mere fact of entering the Emergency Room means that we will spend 600 dollars. When you earn at most \$300 per week, if we pay that bill, how will we eat? What will be left to pay utilities and rent?

In this time of the pandemic, my husband got sick with COVID, and we all went into quarantine. Then I got the virus and we entered a second quarantine. Finally my daughter tested positive. Three quarantines, three months of not earning a dollar.

We were very afraid, we did not want to go to the Hospital to receive help, because we know that when we leave that hospital, if COVID does not kill us, then the hospital debt will kill us.

That is why I am raising my voice, because we all deserve a dignified life. Both undocumented people and people with regular status are dying because the health care system does not support life. We are all human beings, we pay taxes, and we have a right to have health and a roof over our heads. It is time for justice.

Thank you.

Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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Thank you for your time and consideration. Together, we can help move New Haven and the country closer to the goal of universal access to good quality healthcare.

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Health and Human Services Committee - Medicare for All Hearing

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April 28th, 2020

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

I am a resident of Dwight in New Haven, and am writing on behalf of myself and my neighbors at 179 Dwight 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) to finally create a **single-payer national health program** in the United States.

Every person in New Haven - and in the United States - deserves quality healthcare. From my work with disabled and chronically-ill individuals, I know all too well that far too many are uninsured or underinsured, and struggling with medical debt. The current healthcare system makes it expensive to get preventative treatment, and burdens families with extraordinary debt for necessary procedures. I have had clients come to me and explain that they feel trapped, being forced to choose between their family's financial well-being and their own physical health. We must do better, for the sake of the health of every individual. The pandemic has shown us clearly that the health of everyone is interconnected, and a system that leaves some behind puts us ALL at risk.

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 – imagine what that could do for local programming and services!

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,

Brooke Williams

179 Dwight Street