

## Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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## Testimony in Support of the Medicare for All Resolution

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Hello. My name is Dana Asby and I am a resident of Ward 2 in New Haven. I am a member of the Medicare 4 All CT Coalition and have been out in the community this Spring talking to New Haven residents about their opinions on universal healthcare.

Overwhelmingly, the citizens I have spoken to support giving all New Haven residents—and all Americans—free, comprehensive single payer health insurance provided by their local, state, or federal government. I have stood on a street corner near the New Haven Green, tabled near the entrance of the New Haven Farmer's Market, tabled at New Haven's recent Juneteenth celebration, and knocked on doors in several different wards and almost everyone has answered yes to my leading question, "Do you support Medicare for All?" Occasionally, someone has walked by me in a hurry, saying, "No," only to turn on their heels and respond, "Wait? Are you talking about Medicare for All? Yes! I definitely support that."

For those citizens that have said they don't support a resolution for the city of New Haven or the state of Connecticut to have universal healthcare, I have been able to explain how much money this system would save our city and state. This information has surprised many and persuaded some who previously did not realize the high cost of our current healthcare system's flaws on our city and state's resources.

It has been heartening to see how many New Haven residents care about their fellow citizens enough to ask our Board of Alders to please vote yes on aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976). I'm here also asking you to vote yes and show your constituents that you, too, care about their physical and mental health!

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Sincerely,

Dana Asby, MA, MEd



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I work in New Haven, serving refugee and immigrant residents of New Haven, and am 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 national health program in the United States.

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## Please continue to advocate for Medicare For All

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And thank you for what have done thus far.

Lee Cruz

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## Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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I work for Christian Community Action as their Advocacy & Education Director. Our New Haven grassroots group Mothers and Others for Justice works on healthcare issues through our Health subcommittee. I planned to share many of the stories we have heard but since I am sitting in the CVS parking lot downloading discount pharmaceutical coupons, I will share my own horror story. My husband has a rare disease, Meige syndrome. We have been to more than 10 doctors in the last year to find solutions. We have Medicare and our co pays and deductibles have been a financial burden. Our constant routine is to ask for a generic brand of medication and then have to download a good rx discount and even still, the drugs are hundreds of dollars. We need universal healthcare. I am an expert in this process and still find it disheartening and exhausting. I 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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Thank you!

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

For the past month, I have been canvassing, tabling, and phone banking community members in an effort to hear their healthcare stories. In my conversations, experiences with the healthcare system, degree of insurance coverage, and access to healthcare have varied.

**But what has been consistent across my discussions is the overwhelming and resounding support for Medicare for All in New Haven.**

What I love most about New Haven is the kindness and compassion of the residents. From the conversations I've had about Medicare for All, that compassion is apparent; residents want access to quality healthcare and they want the same for their neighbors.

While canvassing, I spoke with a very kind man who had been injured in his workplace in New Haven, causing him to be disabled and unable to work full time. Due to his immigration status, he was unable to receive compensation for the work injury, and despite the accident occurring over ten years ago, he is still suffering financially from the cost of healthcare.

In 2015, it was estimated that more than 14,430 residents in the city were undocumented.<sup>1</sup> We need a healthcare system that will support all of New Haven's residents, especially undocumented folks. House Bill HR1976 would convert our current for-profit healthcare system into a single-payer model that will cover all American residents, regardless of immigration status, for all healthcare needs.

Additionally, it will save New Haven money (upwards of \$70 million per year), and protect its residents' from unreasonable costs for care. Another woman I spoke with was visiting family in a neighboring state when she became very sick. In an effort to protect those around her and get adequate treatment, she took a COVID-19 test at a nearby testing center, which came back as positive. She was billed over \$300 because the test was taken out of state; but If she had not taken the test, she would've put her family at risk by not warning them of their exposure, and if she had traveled back to Connecticut, she would have been forced to come in contact with other residents while infected with COVID-19.

Residents of New Haven should not have to choose between protecting themselves, their families, and their neighbors lives, and paying unreasonable fees for basic care.

Your "Yes" vote to approve an aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976) can be a revolutionary first step to changing this. Please join me and my neighbors in supporting this resolution, and let residents know that you are listening to their stories and taking action.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.wnpr.org/post/immigrants-make-new-haven-connecticuts-fastest-growing-city>

## Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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## **Vote Yes - Health care not Sick care - Health and Human Service -Medicare For all Testimony**

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I 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 deserves quality healthcare with the aim of keeping healthy.

Currently, hospitals make money when people are sick. We don't have Health Care - we have SICK care.

Medicare for all changes that incentive and aims TO KEEP PEOPLE HEALTHY!

Please ensure that our children and families get the best health care they can and vote Yes on the aldermanic resolution.

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## Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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## Medicare For All Resolution

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Chair Brackeen, Vice Chair Hurt, and Honorable Members of the New Haven Board of Alders Health & Human Services Committee,

I support the aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976). This resolution is consistent with the public policy goal of health equity, as endorsed by the Board of Alders in its legislative agenda this March. And because health equity is a racial justice issue, the resolution is also in the spirit of the Alders' declaration last July recognizing racism as a public health crisis in the City of New Haven.

I respectfully refer to my February 25, 2021 testimony before this Committee in support of the Alders' legislative agenda, and in particular to the appalling statistic that in East Rock, which is 64% White and 9% Black, the life expectancy is 83 years, while a few blocks over in Newhallville, which is 81% Black and 3% white, the life expectancy is 72 years.

Please vote Yes on this resolution.

Respectfully,

Andrew Giering  
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## Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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In my years as a medical student and primary care physician in New Haven I witnessed many missed chances to improve lives and prevent death and illness under our current healthcare system. Medicare for All could immediately help many access life-saving treatments and care that enhances the wellbeing of New Haven residents.

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New Haven Board of Alders Health and Human Services Committee

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

I have adopted this amazing, diverse, advocacy-minded City as my own, even though my residence is East Haven. In my closing you will see all of the truly wonderful and diverse organizations I am involved with because I want to spend my time talking about the important issue at hand, the Health and Human Services Committee voting YES for a Medicare for All Resolution. We all know the moral arguments and, in my opinion, THOSE are what truly count! However, in order to win over the conservative people who may not see things the way that I and all of my fellow advocates do, every person in New Haven and this country deserve quality, accessible, affordable healthcare!! So for the others let's remind them that a New Haven Medicare for All Resolution will not only save lives but it would save the City of New Haven approximately \$70 Million a YEAR. Now with that kind of money the City would be able to put it back into the black, brown, immigrant, and low income communities that are struggling the most. Social service programs would be able to do things like keep people in their homes or provide better alternative shelters, provide food, job training programs for those out of work, etc. It is a proven fact that if you give people the resources they need to flourish it curbs violence, which is something we certainly need to do here and in most cities across this country.

In working with the ENRICH Lab and the substance use disorder community when COVID hit the inequities in that community were completely overwhelming for our team! So much so that we had to initiate a Resource Guide for the Greater New Haven area because the places most people had gone to for support services such as soup kitchens, food banks, shelters, daily 12-step program meetings etc. were closed. It was a real struggle to find a way to survive, especially when you are involved in research. We were all very careful to follow the strict guidelines and yet still put the person before the participant.

IF there was a better way to get more people covered for healthcare in an equitable, more affordable way, I would be all for it. I have testified at the Legislative Office Building for MANY Bills that had incremental changes in the current system because every little bit helps. However, I always stated it was not enough we needed a true single-payer system in place. We need this because our current system is racist and biggoted and needs to be completely dismantled and rebuilt. Why do we continue to allow our lives, our health, to be traded on the stock market?! To me this is the most ludicrous thing out of everything!! How is it that no one understands that the entire reason these insurance companies and Big pharma exist is to MAKE PROFITS!! They make profit at the expense of our health!! They do this by denying, delaying care until sometimes it is too late! I have heard many stories from not only Wendell Potter but many other whistleblowers from insurance companies. People DIE because of the greed of the stockholders and officers of these companies. So my only question is why would anyone NOT support a single-payer, universal, comprehensive healthcare system?!

Just a little background information about me, I have always been ill my entire life and my Mom had to be my advocate and boy was she an amazing one! She had to fight for every treatment,



medication, overnight hospital stay that was necessary because of my complex medical history. Back then we did not even know just how complex. I have Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension (which is an incurable brain disease, my brain produces too much cerebrospinal fluid), Chronic migraines, von Willebrand's (a form of hemophilia), Psoriatic arthritis, fibromyalgia, I know I am missing several other issues but you get the picture. For the brain issues I've had 6 brain surgeries and 2 eye surgeries to prevent blindness. To this day being on Medicare and my secondary insurance is Medicaid I get denied medications my Dr's prescribe almost every time we change or add a new script. It is ridiculous! NO ONE should tell ME what medications, treatments, I can or can NOT have other than me and my doctor! This happens because all of my medications and treatments cut into their profit margins and they can't make enough profit off of me! A Medicare for All, universal, single-payer, comprehensive healthcare system would take away the FOR PROFIT system and bring it back to the FOR PEOPLE system.

Please join the ranks of New London and Windham in supporting a single-payer Medicare for All Resolution.

Local government support can have a very important impact and will send a strong message to our CT Legislators, in voting for a single-payer, universal, comprehensive healthcare system. Thank you so much for your time and consideration!

Holly Hackett

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New Haven Medicare for All Coalition

Mother's and Others for Justice (MOFJ)

H.E.A.L.T.H. (Helping Everyone Achieve Lifelong Trusted Healthcare) (sub committee of MOFJ)  
Co Chair

CARE (Community Alliance for Research and Engagement) - Graduate Community Research Fellow and currently a REACH Steering Committee member (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health)

ENRICH (Empowering Neighborhoods and Relationships to Improve Community Health) Lab  
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Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

I am a resident of New Haven County and work in New Haven caring for homeless, poor, those with substance use disorders, uninsured and underinsured, those who cannot navigate our confusing health care system 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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Please see the below testimony in support of Medicare for All Resolution for tonight's HHS Committee meeting!

Thanks

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Good afternoon,

I have been a Nurse Practitioner for over 40 years. I have worked in hospital and community settings. Lack of Medicare for all limits access and treatment for health care needs and health care education. We need a comprehensive program for justice to be served to all citizens. We should not allocate services and health based on your type of insurance and block you from providers who will not accept Medicare or limit the numbers of clients they can take on Medicare. We need a standard of Medical Practice based on health care needs not on your income/insurance level. Lack of access for standardized care (such as opioid treatment in the program I work in currently) keeps our clients sick and at risk of dying. This burden increases costs to patients and community programs and national debt. Please support Medicare for all.



Sharon Joslin, A.P.R.N.

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My small family has suffered under our healthcare "system" that favors corporate profit and serving the interests of the wealthy over providing equitable, effective, and excellent care for all residents. A medical emergency for my then 5 year old son put us into collections and nearly ruined my emotional health. He had his first "grand mal" seizure that lasted for over an hour. We were rushed to the ER by ambulance, and he was then admitted for a battery of expensive tests, none of which were covered by our subpar insurance. The healthcare workers provided fabulous care, but the system put me through hell as I ensured that my son got the best care available, and left little time for anything else, including paid work, for a long time. Having the best care should not be an experience delimited by income and education, but it is.

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I am lucky to have worked at Yale and to be a member of the Yale Health Plan, which has provided me with excellent, free coverage for 37 years! Everyone in New Haven should be as well cared for as I have been.

Thank you for supporting this initiative.

Susan Klein

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

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Hello,

Hope this email finds you well!

I support the aldermanic resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021 (H.R. 1976), please vote Yes on this resolution.

Best,

Amelea Lowery

New Haven CT Resident

she/her/hers

# Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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## Medicare for All New Haven Testimony

Dear State Representative, My name is Ashley Makar, and I work in New Haven, where I used to be a resident. (I now live in Hamden.) I'm writing to you now to discuss proposed Senate Bill 1090, An act establishing a commission to study a HUSKY for All, single payer, universal health care program in Connecticut. It is imperative the Committee on Human Services vote this Senate Bill out of committee "Joint Favorable" so the bill can progress to the next stages of the legislative process. Access to affordable healthcare is quite literally a matter of life and death in this world of COVID. Our fellow neighbors, your constituents, are being crippled by premiums, deductibles, and co-pays, if they have access to healthcare through their employment, and even still face medical bankruptcy at too high a rate (2/3 of all bankruptcies are due to medical debt). As the pandemic lockdown has meant tens of thousands have lost their jobs, and therefore their employer-sponsored healthcare, we are at risk of our neighbors falling into medical poverty.

I have seen the devastating effects of the lack of access to affordable healthcare among the immigrant communities I work with through IRIS--Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services, in New Haven. Also as a cancer patient at Smilow/Yale-New Haven Hospital, I also have experienced the personal risk of prohibitive healthcare costs. Here is a bit of my personal story: When I was diagnosed with stage-4 cancer, I was a New Haven resident who would lose my health insurance in a matter of months. It was January 2011, and I was in the last semester of a graduate program at Yale Divinity School. I was on the student health plan, but I would lose that coverage if I graduated on time the following May. Even though the Affordable Care Act had been passed, there were no affordable options on the healthcare exchange that would not have me paying prohibitive amounts out of pocket (in co-insurance & co-pays) for CAT scans, chemo treatments, and consultations with oncologists. I decided to delay my graduation, so that I could stay on the Yale Health plan while undergoing cancer treatment. Thanks to the generous attention of administrators at Yale Divinity School, I was allowed to become a part-time student and extend my degree program for a year.

During that year-long grace period, while undergoing chemotherapy, friends who are public health policy experts, did extensive research to see what my options would be once I graduated. Again, there were no remotely affordable options. We determined that my best option would be to apply for disability, so that I could go on Medicare. Given my dire prognosis and the debilitating nature of my cancer treatment, I was granted disability and able to go on Medicare at the age of 35. Since graduating, I've been able to work part-time and receive the medical care I need. Thanks to my oncology team at Smilow, I was enrolled in a clinical trial in immunotherapy, which has given me a medical miracle: I am now in remission. Medicare has given me a grace period of coverage until



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Because of COVID-19, voting "Joint Favorable" on the Senate Bill 1090, an act establishing a commission to study a HUSKY for All, single payer, universal health care program in Connecticut is even more important. Without universal coverage, we are all at risk of the virus spreading as those who are sick or infected may not be able to afford or seek treatment. I understand that it may not be a moral issue for some, however fiscally it is the right thing to do. If we were to implement a taxation process for people and employers to pay into just as they would for the current for-profit commercial insurance plans it would save the State of Connecticut approximately 2.9% Net Savings. That would be \$1.475 Billion according to Professor Rodberg, using the renowned Professor Friedberg's formula for determining economic impact. I am asking you to support this Study Bill (SB 1090) and for you to vote "Joint Favorable" in committee. Thank you for taking the time to read this email. If you would like any further information or resources, please feel free to reach out to me at 917-873-9165 or email [amakar@irisct.org](mailto:amakar@irisct.org). I would be happy to discuss this incredibly important issue further with you!

Keep staying safe and healthy.

Sincerely,  
Ashley Makar

## Medicare for All New Haven Testimony

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

I am a resident of New Haven and a naturopathic physician working in healthcare for 22 years. Everyday I hear about the struggles people face with regards to good, affordable healthcare and I know what an illness can do to a family when there is no insurance coverage.

I am writing on behalf of myself, my patient base 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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Thank you for your consideration in this matter and I truly hope you will support these efforts!

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Every person in New Haven - and in the United States - deserves quality healthcare. Health is a human right. We know this; I do not know one health care provider who would deny any individual necessary care. Yet, we providers are forced to provide disparate care based on wealth, privilege, and insurance status. 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. A healthy population is a benefit to all of society. 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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June 24, 2021

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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 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 now been without any health insurance at all for more than 18 months—during a *global pandemic*. In the last five years, I have had health insurance from my former employer, from the private market in Connecticut, and from my wife's former employer. However, when her employer's plan changed in December 2019, I was dropped from coverage, and had no opportunity to purchase new insurance until the special enrollment period opened at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, because I had been without health insurance for longer than the 60 day window covered by the special enrollment period, I was ineligible to enroll for insurance. I spent scores and scores of hours on the phone with various people working for AccessHealthCT and ConnectiCare, but there were always small exceptions making me ineligible for any plans they offered.

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 lifesaving 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, regardless of the marketability of their skills, hobbies, or talents. 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 in fear of getting an 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,  
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## Public Testimony: Medicare for All

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Dear New Haven Alders,

I'm writing in support of the Medicare for All resolution.

Health is not something that can be addressed by employers and it cannot be addressed on an individual level. This pandemic has shown us that when our community is not cared for, we are all at risk. Tying healthcare to employment is a failing concept because people need access to healthcare regardless of their current job or employment status. People who were laid off during lockdown didn't need less healthcare, in fact they needed more healthcare as we collectively worked to keep our families and communities healthy.

Passing Medicare for All can also help us reign in the incredibly high medical expenses that we all experience as a result of the insurance market. We need to protect people from the bankruptcy caused by a health crisis under our current system. We need to protect people from health crises that are often exacerbated because of the inaccessibility of early interventions.

I implore the New Haven Board of Alders to please endorse the Medicare for All Act of 2021.

Thank you for your time,

Alice Prael

Resident of New Haven since 2016

## Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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## Resolution for Medicare For All

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Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-chair Hurt, and distinguished Alders of the Health and Human Services committee, Board of Alders, New Haven, CT,

My name is Sarah Saiano. I live at 55 Hall Street, New Haven, in Ward 18. I write in support of the Resolution for Medicare For All. This resolution serves to represent the wishes of a great majority of the people, not only of New Haven, but of the United States, for a universal, single-payer healthcare system. As the only major, industrialized nation on the planet without good, affordable health care, our country remains in a shameful situation - arguably the wealthiest country on earth, and citizens go without health care because they aren't covered properly. It is truly shameful.

The healthcare industry in our country at present is the most expensive in the world. Somewhere in this process, lots of money is being made, for sure. Yet so many people do not have access to care at all, or cannot afford the co-pays and other fees that are involved in the process as it stands - so they go without. The cost they might incur in a single-payer plan would be far, far less, and would not be prohibitive, as is the case with the current system. There is a better way to do things - a much better way. And, as research has shown, it would be a much LESS EXPENSIVE way. **The city would save money.** The nation would save money. And our people would have a simple, easy to understand, comprehensive process for accessing total health care - primary, specialty, dental and eye care.

You have the opportunity in front of you to take the first steps toward changing this in a very real sense. I truly hope you will do so.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Saiano  
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Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members,

I am resident of New Haven and a board-certified pediatrician with degrees in economics and in public health. I am writing on behalf of myself, my colleagues, patients, 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 -- to establish a single-payer national health program in the United States.

I believe that a free market model for health insurance is a delusion sold to the American public and to well-meaning policymakers by those who want to continue to profit from a commercialized system of payment for health care. In any basic economics class, students are taught about market failures that get in the way of a free market and our healthcare system is riddled with them. A major one is the "inelasticity of demand" for health care -- people who need emergency care have no choice but to "buy" their health care. The option not to buy a service or good is critical for a free market. The only type of health care that people can opt not to "buy" is preventive care, but that choice is bad for them, bad for society (think: infectious diseases), and may lead to more emergency care use where again, they don't have the option not to buy.

Another major market failure is the lack of symmetric information about the service or goods offered between those "selling" and those "buying." The false solution of public reporting options about hospital and provider quality and cost are far too complicated and too prone to corruption, cherry picking and manipulation. Thus, they are very unlikely to help individual consumers make choices about reducing the cost of care, thus placing control in the hands of for-profit insurers.

As a result of these and other market failures, any "public option" approach for insurance will inevitably fail to contain costs because commercial insurers will always have a profit motive to cherry pick the lowest risk patients, leaving the sickest and most costly patients in the public option risk pool. The amount of regulation and oversight that would be necessary to ensure that commercial insurers do not cherry pick does not make sense because the administrative costs of the oversight would diminish the benefits and would divert funds from care delivery toward overhead.

We already know this -- this is why Medicaid doesn't work as well as Medicare -- because the risk pool of Medicaid includes the sickest and the poorest while the risk pool of Medicare includes a larger swatch of Americans. Including younger, healthier, lower-risk Americans in the Medicare risk pool will make it work even better!

Finally, it is critical to remember that in the U.S., we already have universal medical care for all but it is for the sickest of the sick -- those who come to the emergency room with life threatening conditions and newborns born prematurely, for example. We universally take care of patients after the heart attack but not when they have high blood pressure... or we take care of the premature infant in our costly neonatal ICUs but not the young woman thinking about getting pregnant. This type of care is the most costly, least equitable, and least humane approach -- it is frankly a national shame given our nation's promise to ensure "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." By having a universal SICK care system instead of universal HEALTH care system we are shooting ourselves in the foot as a nation -- paying more for worse health and quality of life. Furthermore, we are perpetuating systemic racism by disproportionately burdening black and brown populations with the lack of insurance, underinsurance, lack of preventative care, and crippling medical debt.

Under a single-payer system, the City of New Haven could save millions per year, and our communities, and the nation as a whole, can begin to undo the damage that has been done by our current unethical, illogical payment systems.

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.

Thanks very much for your consideration and for providing this opportunity for public testimony. We are very lucky to have wonderful, thoughtful leaders serving us in New Haven!

Respectfully,

Mona Sharifi, MD, MPH

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## Health and Human Service Medicare For all Testimony

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## Testimony for the Health & Human Services Committee

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Dear Chairman Brackeen and members of the Health & Human Services Committee:

In February 2020, the New London City Council *unanimously* approved a resolution in support of Medicare for All that was similar to the one that you have been presented with in New Haven. The widespread support for the resolution was due to a number of factors: councilors' recognition that healthcare is a human right; the harm incurred on our city residents by the current commodified insurance system; the burden on our municipal budget to provide health insurance to city employees and retirees; the strain on safety net services (provided within our boundaries for the entire southeast Connecticut region) that has resulted from untreated health issues and ballooning medical debt; the struggle for survival of the small businesses and entrepreneurial enterprises that are at the heart of our city's economy; and, in the end, the realization that a universal, single-payer healthcare system could address and resolve all of these challenges.

New London was the first Connecticut municipality to pass a Medicare for All resolution; with Windham following suit earlier this year, I hope to see a groundswell of support from other Connecticut towns advocating on behalf of healthcare for all, and communicating their support to legislators on the state and federal levels. Please pass the **RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS ENDORSING THE MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT OF 2021** out of committee tonight so that it can be considered by the BOA at its next regular meeting.

Thank you.

Yours truly,  
Ronna Stuller  
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Dear Board of Alders,

Please see the below testimony from JoAnne Wilcox, who requested I submit her written testimony in support of the Medicare for All Resolution for tonight's public hearing.

Thanks,

Sivan Amar  
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**From:** JoAnne Wilcox <jwilcox@cliffordbeers.org>

**Date:** June 24, 2021 at 10:31:21 AM EDT

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**Subject: Medicare for All**

Good Morning,

My name is JoAnne Wilcox, I'm a Community Health Organizer, working for Clifford Beers Clinic, living and working in New Haven.

I am the mom of a young person in recovery for substance use disorder; put more plainly, my son has an addiction to heroin. We are grateful he is alive, he is safe, he is thriving. That should be true for anyone who is ready to make the choice that they need help.

As we all know by now, addiction doesn't care who you are, where you come from, your economic status, or your race. The same is not true of bankers, lenders, health care providers, employers.

Medicare for all would bring health and healing, without adding the additional financial strain to families that are in crisis. As we continue to find gaps in our systems, and work to uncover the legacy of systemic racism, we can't overlook the harm that has been done in an attempted war on drugs. We all know by now that it was a war on families, poverty, and it has particularly crippled families in New Haven who are black, latino, and poor. In my efforts to find care for our son, I found systems unorganized, unmanageable, and only confused me as a consumer and caregiver. It's hard to believe anymore that is not by design. I believe it is time to critically address the ways these systems are tangled, and build communities of care around our broken families. It starts with making sure that the care is in reach financially. For all.

an overdose, which led to a six day coma, with a total of 12 days hospitalized, followed by appointments for multiple specialists, including cardiology, hematology, infectious disease, ophthalmology, before he was even healthy enough to find treatment for his addiction. Finding reputable care was put up against the clock of his willingness to get help, it's an extremely stressful situation for a family to be in. Along with that, there were unattended issues of depression that may have been a factor in his use in the first place.

But more than anything, what I've learned from him is that he was intolerant to the privilege his white skin carried in navigating all the issues related to the war on drugs. When are we going to stop being grateful our children are white? That's the gross outcome of our systems as they are. Our young people see clearly that they do not want us to carry forward the harms of our racist policies. They have asked us to stop, and I think it's time we listen. Medicare for all brings relief when families need it most.

Since 2016, when my own son checked himself into care, the overdose rates have increased by 41.3%. Those aren't numbers, those are families. We have to work to change systems so that more people have access to the care they need without losing their homes, jobs, livelihoods. Addiction does enough damage to a family on its own. We need systems that work for families. Please support Medicare for All.

Thank you,  
JoAnne Wilcox

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Health & Human Services Committee,

Dear Chair Brackeen, Vice-Chair Hurt, and distinguished Committee members, and Board of Alders,

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.

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.

Sincerely,

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