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Universal Health Care Foundation: Governor Lamont won't commit to real health care affordability.

Today, on the eleventh anniversary of the Affordable Care Act, Governor Lamont held a press conference on health care affordability where he discussed several approaches, many of which miss the mark for hardworking people in our state.

“Small businesses, nonprofits, and immigrants need help,” said Frances G. Padilla, President of Universal Health Care. “The governor’s plan does not provide meaningful help to those groups.”

Despite claims from officials on the zoom call that helping small businesses is a priority, nobody addressed the fact that the one measure that could help small businesses, a real public option, has been watered down to accommodate insurance industry profits.

Immigrants were left out of the discussion, as well. The governor, while speaking about the need to advance health equity, made no mention of extending HUSKY to all immigrants regardless of status.

“Health care is part of our economic recovery, and piecemeal approaches will not get us over the finish line. We need to be bold and create a health care system for the many rather than health care profits for a few.” Padilla said.

Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut’s mission is to serve as a catalyst that engages residents and communities in shaping a democratic health system that provides universal access to quality, affordable health care and promotes health in Connecticut. We believe that health care is a fundamental right and that our work is part of a broader movement for social and economic justice.