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**Universal Health Care Foundation supports Senate Bill 842,
calls it “one giant step forward.”**

Too many state residents and businesses lack health care they can count on. Reliable, affordable coverage is key to Connecticut’s economic recovery. Universal Health Care Foundation touted measures in Senate Bill 842 that decrease cost, increase choice, and ultimately lead to better health.

The sweeping bill aims to help small businesses, nonprofits, hard-working parents, people who buy health coverage on their own, and immigrants. A public hearing will take place on the bill later today.

“For too long, health care in our state has been elusive, exclusive, and expensive. People are not only ready for change, they demand it,” said Lynne Ide, Director of Policy & Program for Universal Health Care.

Ide will testify in support of the bill during today’s hearing. In her testimony, she cites data that say 71 percent of state residents across party lines support a public option. Voters, she says, emphatically support the proposal.

“The need for bold action on this legislation is crystal clear. 2020 laid in plain sight the gaping fractures in the way we deliver coverage to people. Employment, family status, income, race and zip code determine who is in – and who is out. ... Now is the time for you to help us all do better,” she 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.