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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 346: An Act Concerning Public Options for Health Care in Connecticut

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Senator Lesser, Representative Scanlon, and distinguished members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee,

I am Michele Mudrick, Legislative Advocate for the Southern New England Conference United Church of Christ and I am writing today in support of House Bill 346: An Act Concerning Public Options for Health Care in Connecticut

I am writing on behalf of the 614 congregations and more than 120,000 people in our state's churches. In fact, the United Church of Christ (UCC) is the largest Protestant denomination in Connecticut. Nationally, the UCC has more than 5,700 congregations with nearly 1 million members. In 2007 the assembled delegates and ministers of the historic Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ met and voted on a Resolution that called upon the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ to seek support for Universal Health Care/Universal Health Care Coverage in Connecticut.

We support everyone in Connecticut having access to quality, affordable healthcare with no interruptions in coverage. All Connecticut residents deserve preventive care, coverage for preexisting conditions, access to mental health, family planning and reproductive health care services.

Health Care is a basic human right. Health care should be provided when needed. All of God's people deserve access to affordable and quality healthcare. We therefore, urge the Committee to support Senate Bill 346.

Thank you for your work and the opportunity to supply written testimony in support of everyone in Connecticut having access to affordable, quality, healthcare.

Blessings,
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