



State of Connecticut

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July 11, 2022

The Honorable Governor Ned Lamont
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Commissioner Andrew N. Mais
Connecticut Insurance Department
153 Market Street, 7th Floor
Hartford CT 06103

Senator Martin M. Looney
President Pro Tempore
Legislative Office Building, Room 3300
Hartford, CT 06106

Representative Matthew Ritter
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Legislative Office Building, Room 4106
Hartford, CT 06106

VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Dear Governor Lamont, Commissioner Mais, Senator Looney and Speaker Ritter:

We write to you regarding the 13 initial proposed health insurance rate filings for the 2023 individual and small group markets, which include proposed rate increases averaging over 20%.

We ask that the Department of Insurance hold a full public hearing on these proposed rate increases, and additionally we ask that this hearing take place within the State Capitol complex.

We need a fully open and accessible public hearing process to ensure transparency and access regarding an issue that is vitally important to people's lives.

Holding this hearing at the Capitol complex will enable the greatest level of public access in a facility that was built to foster public gathering, listening, expression, and advocacy.

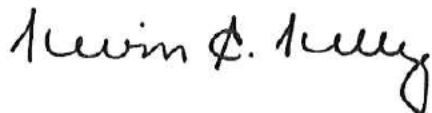
As lawmakers, we believe the state must do much more to make health care affordable, and that includes fully examining why these rate increases are occurring, how policy impacts rates, and pursuing – not dismissing – solutions.

The Capitol complex and Legislative Office Building will allow for the most accessible public hearing.

We hope you agree and will open the Capitol to this vitally important forum on rising health insurance rates and the action needed to reduce health care costs, remove barriers, and increase access to quality care.

Please let us know by Monday, July 18, 2022 if you will agree to open the Capitol complex and hold a public hearing on this issue.

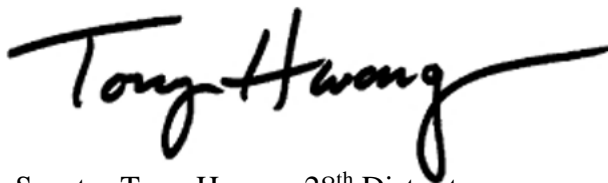
Sincerely,



Senator Kevin C. Kelly, Senate Minority Leader



Senator Paul Formica, Senate Minority Leader Pro Tempore



Senator Tony Hwang, 28th District

Cc: Senator Matt Lesser, Representative Kerry Wood, Attorney General William Tong