

Health Care is a Human Right. Health Care is a Divine Right.

We raise our voices in support of a health care system that leaves no one out. God has created all of us and calls on us to care for each other. Caring for each other expresses our love for God. The existing gross inequality in the health status of people, especially as it pertains to ethnicity and race, is unacceptable - morally as well as politically, socially and economically. God invites us to bring justice to all people. God's consistent concern for healing challenges us to pursue affordable and quality health care for all people.

We raise our voices in support of health care that is affordable for everyone, especially the poor. Each day in our congregations and organizations, we witness the consequences of our increasingly inaccessible health care system. People with health coverage are less and less able to afford health care, because of co-pays, premi-

ums, deductibles and exemptions. And those without health coverage and who can least afford it, often pay the most for health care, either because they delay seeking treatment until their problems are more serious, or because they are charged higher prices than patients with insurance, or because they incur interest as they pay their bills over time. Some are forced to choose between food and medication. We call for a comprehensive solution that puts health care within reach for everyone.



We raise our voices in support of health care that sustains our society. We believe that universal access to health care is more affordable for society as a whole. Equal access lowers administrative costs, enables public health approaches, enables better preventive care and reduces the need for more expensive rescue care.

We raise our voices in support of health care that enhances people's lives by enabling them to live with dignity and to reach their full potential. Health care and healing are concrete manifestations of God's ongoing care for all creation. Attending to the physical needs of our people by implementing a comprehensive health care system, including dental and mental health care, compliments our work of attending to the spiritual needs of our people. To be a truly moral society, the benefits of our scientifically advanced health care system must be shared universally.

We, the undersigned clergy of Connecticut, call on elected officials of Connecticut to ensure quality, affordable health care for everyone.

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