

An Open Letter to the New York State Legislature

Members of the New York State Legislature,

Ninety-five percent of New Yorkers have health insurance today. This has been accomplished due to the access, affordability and choices offered by the current health plan marketplace, which relies on a partnership of government programs and the private sector's support. The strength of this partnership was apparent during the pandemic, where, despite all of the challenges that COVID-19 brought to New York, the insured rate remained stable.

Instead of building on the progress we have made — which has brought New York closer than ever to universal coverage — some Legislators are pushing for disastrous legislation to create a Single Payer health care system known as the New York Health Act (NYHA).

The NYHA will demolish the current system and immediately destabilize the state's health care landscape. It would ban any form of private insurance, which eliminates all options and choice, forcing all 20 million New Yorkers into a new, untested, one-size-fits-all government-run health system. It would also eliminate a staggering 160,000 jobs and raise state taxes by \$250 billion per year. Doctors and hospitals will see their funding decimated. Seniors will lose their Medicare coverage. Union members will lose the benefits they have earned.

New Yorkers do not want a government-run Single Payer health care system. The current public-private health care model has significantly reduced New York's uninsured rate to the lowest percent in decades and among the lowest in the entire country. Targeted measures can be adopted which both make coverage more affordable and attain universal coverage. By any measure this has been a successful model and should be preserved and improved upon.

That is why we are urging you to oppose the New York Health Act.

Sincerely,

- Adana Veterinary Clinic
- Ahrens Benefits Company
- Albany Associates in Cardiology
- American Property Casualty Insurance Association
- Associated Builders and Contractors Empire State
- Associated General Contractors of New York State
- Benefit Consultant Insurance Group
- Benefit Design Services Corporation
- Big I New York • Bond Benefits Consulting
- Buffalo Niagara Partnership
- The Business Council of New York State
- Business Council of Westchester
- C & D Assembly
- Canfield Machine & Tool
- CAP COM Federal Credit Union
- Capital Region Chamber of Commerce
- Centers Health Care
- Century Benefits Group
- Chemung County Chamber of Commerce
- Cherry Lawn Fruit Farms
- Columbian Mutual Life Insurance Company
- Commerce Chenango
- ComTon
- Consiliarium Group
- Corning Area Chamber of Commerce
- Council of Industry
- Council of School Supervisors & Administrators (CSA)
- Cove Hill Consulting
- Crisafulli Bros. Plumbing & Heating Contractors
- Critical Link
- District Council 37 (DC 37)
- DiVirgilio Benefit Resources
- Dupli Envelope
- Eastwood Litho
- Employer Alliance
- EMS Financial Services
- EP Nevins Insurance Agency
- Falcone Associates
- FICS Incorporated
- Fingerlakes Elextrics Supply Co.
- Food Industry Alliance of New York State
- G&E Therapies
- Goetzmann & Associates
- Gosset Group Planning
- Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Central New York Association of Health Underwriters
- Greater Niagara Frontier New York Association of Health Underwriters
- Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce
- Hartloff Benefits
- Hart Rifle Barrels
- Hayes Construction
- Health Options NY
- Hematology Oncology Associates of Central New York
- Hilliard Corporation
- HMS
- Human Technologies Corporation
- Infitec
- Jerome Cohen Insurance and Benefits
- John R. Steele & Associates
- Kaatirondack Benefit Planning
- Lawley Insurance
- Long Island Association
- MACNY – The Manufacturers Association
- Marshall & Sterling Insurance
- Matt Industries
- Merchants Insurance Group
- Michael Grimm Services
- Mohawk Valley EDGE
- Mr. Grant Contracting
- MTA PBA
- Multivista CNY
- Nagel Consulting
- National Association of Health Underwriters
- National Federation of Independent Businesses
- New York City Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- New York City Uniformed Sanitation Officers Association
- New York Health Plan Association
- New York State Association of Health Underwriters
- New York State Association of PBAs
- New York State Builders Association
- New York State Building & Construction Trades Council
- New York State Conference of Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans
- New York State Hospitality & Tourism Association
- New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association
- New York State Public Employee Conference
- New York State Society of Plastic Surgeons
- North Country Chamber of Commerce
- Northeast Dairy Foods Association
- Northern Tier Contracting
- Northeastern New York Association of Health Underwriters
- Northeastern Subcontractors Association
- Northwest Bank
- Novem Bank
- NYC-LI-Lower Hudson Valley Association of Health Underwriters
- Omnia Advanced Materials
- Onondaga Golf and Country Club
- Partnership for New York City
- Patricia Hardy Insurance
- Pathfinder Bank
- Perry & Carroll
- Pinnacle Human Resources
- Pivotal Financial Services
- Police Conference of New York
- Pompa Bros.
- Practice Support Services
- Premier Roof Systems
- PrintRoc
- Pro Flex Administrators
- Queens Chamber of Commerce
- Ralph W. Earl Co.
- Retired Public Employees Association (RPEA)
- Rivendell Home & Garden Maintenance
- Rochester Technology and Manufacturing Association
- Rockland Business Association
- Rome Area Chamber of Commerce
- Ryan & Ryan Insurance Brokers
- Rylex Enterprises
- Second Nature Wellness Group
- Sergeants Benevolent Association of Health
- Sheridan Benefits
- Sherrill Manufacturing
- Southern Tier Shopper
- Sterling Risk Insurance
- Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State
- Swan Morss Insurance
- Teamsters Local 237 City Employees Union
- Tech Valley Office Interiors
- The Agency
- The Reis Group
- Uniformed Firefighters Association of Greater New York
- Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association
- Upstate Agency
- Upstate United
- Upstate Benefit Planning
- Vertex Solutions
- Village Tavern Restaurant & Inn
- W.H. Greene & Associates
- Warner Physical Therapy
- Welliver McGuire
- Western New York Association of Health Underwriters
- WNY Pediatric Gastroenterology
- United Federation of Teachers (UFT)



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