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**Subject:** CT State Innovation Model (SIM)

To Whom it May Concern:

I Oppose the State Innovation Model (SIM). I manage a group home for men that are diagnosed with major mental illness, as part of Hartford Health Care (Rushford). These men have spent considerable time either in CT Valley Hospital and prison due to their mental illness. Our goal is to keep them in the community and out of institutions (at a savings to taxpayers.) If they do not have access to the care that they need, which is very likely under the proposed SIM, they can easily decompensate, and return to said institutions.

I understand the need to control the costs of Medicaid, but putting a plan in place where providers can deny services, and get paid more to do so is definitely not the answer. I see this costing the state more in lengthy hospital stays and incarceration.

Thank You for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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