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The Business Council of Fairfield County supports universal access to affordable, high quality health care and the structural changes required in our health care delivery and financing systems to achieve that goal. Our overarching objective in our first Health Scorecard, published in 2005, was: "Connecticut will be the healthiest state in the nation with individuals accepting responsibility for healthy living and high quality health care delivered by the most effective, efficient, safe, timely, patient centered and equitable health care system. All residents will have access to health coverage that is universal continuous, affordable to individuals and families, affordable and sustainable for the state and its employers, and that enhances health and well being."

The Health Access Council has released a June 25<sup>th</sup> report identifying 28 recommendations to guard against under service and adverse patient selection. The report does not include estimates of implementation costs, but does note that "there is scant evidence available that these types of programs [shared savings programs] do or do not lead to under service or patient selection." (page 2)

We are concerned that some of these recommendations could result in costly administrative burdens, further exacerbating the high cost of health care. Further, we urge caution and more study before seeking to implement recommendations whose authors acknowledge a lack of evidence supporting their views.

Sincerely,



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