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Senator Kevin Kelly
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Senator Paul Formica
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Senator Tony Hwang
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Dear Senator Kelly, Senator Formica and Senator Hwang;

Thank you for your letter dated July 11, 2022 requesting a fully open and accessible public hearing process on the recently filed health insurance rate requests with this Department.

We share your commitment to transparency which is why our hearings are all open to the public and the rate filings are fully accessible on the [Department's website](#). In addition to personally testifying, we also welcome public comment and suggestions through our [website](#), by email, or in writing.

As you are aware, this is an annual process and one that has always accepted public testimony and testimony from our elected officials and consumer advocates. Indeed, it is structured so consumers can easily sign up to testify without having to petition as a party or intervenor or otherwise be subject to the onerous standards and requirements associated with a UAPA hearing.

This year's hearing, covering filed 2023 health insurance rates, is important because it involves plans that cover approximately 206,000 people, both on and off the Exchange. This year, there are 13 health insurance rate request filings made by nine health insurers.

Each year our hearing is broadcast on the CT-N Connecticut Network. The hearing can also be viewed on CT-N online, over the Department's Facebook page, via Teams video link, or by dialing into a telephone conference line. Anyone wishing to testify can sign up by sending an email to Cid.RateFilings@ct.gov with their name and testimony attached including those who wish to testify remotely.

Nearly all hearings conducted by the Department are held at our offices located in the old G. Fox building at 153 Market Street in Hartford. This building is fully accessible and also houses Capitol Community College and the Federal Social Security Offices. However, due to the anticipated size of the audience and public participation, this year's hearing is expected to be held in August at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford.

We are currently in the planning stages and the hearing details will be shared once finalized. Thank you for contacting the Department and sharing your concerns.

I look forward to seeing you both at the hearing. Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Mais', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew N. Mais
Commissioner

CC: Governor Ned Lamont
Attorney General William Tong
Senator Martin Looney
Representative Matthew Ritter
Senator Matt Lesser
Representative Kerry Wood