



City of Bristol

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Mayor Ward, Employers, Workers, Urge Governor to Sign the Healthcare Partnership Bill Berlin, CT**

Bristol, CT, May 21, 2008 — On Thursday, May 22 at 12 noon, local leaders, including Bristol Mayor Art Ward, will urge Governor Jodi Rell to sign HB 5536, Connecticut Health Care Partnership Bill. “This bill makes good economic sense and needs to be signed into law,” Ward said.

The Healthcare Partnership Bill would open up the state employee health insurance pool to municipalities, non-profits and small businesses. Connecticut would be the first to open up to the private sector.

Because health care costs would be cheaper, small businesses and non-profits would be able to retain and hire more employees. For municipalities, the bill has the potential to save tax dollars on expensive health plans and alleviate pressure to cut back on community services.

**Who:** Local Leaders

**What:** Press Conference to Urge Governor’s Signature on Health Care Partnership Bill

**When:** Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 Noon

**Where:** 111 North Main Street, City Council Chambers

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