

(Hartford) – Today **Senators Joseph I. Lieberman** and **Richard Blumenthal**, along with **Congressman John B. Larson**

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Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro

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Congressman Jim Himes

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Congressman Joe Courtney

and

Congressman Chris Murphy

applauded a recent \$107,358,676 Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) grant awarded to support the continued establishment of Connecticut's health insurance exchange. The grant, authorized by the Affordable Care Act, will give Connecticut additional resources and flexibility to establish its exchange.

The delegation released the following in a joint statement:

"We are very pleased to see Connecticut receive this critical funding, which will ultimately help thousands of families and small businesses across Connecticut find affordable health coverage. The goal of the Affordable Care Act was to provide access to quality, affordable health care for every American, and the establishment of health insurance exchanges is a vital part in achieving this goal. As one of only several states to have received a Level 2 Establishment Grant, Governor Malloy and the state of Connecticut continue to demonstrate that our state is leading the way in implementing the Affordable Care Act."

Connecticut is one of only four states to receive the level two establishment grant, providing states funding over multiple years. Specifically, this grant will be used to assist in the hiring of staff and consultants to manage the creation and on-going operations of the exchange as well as the development of an IT system that facilitates critical exchange functions. Connecticut has previously received funding towards the planning and development of its health insurance exchange.

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