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To Whom It May Concern:

I believe the In State Tuition Bill will be a fair opportunity to allow undocumented students become successful professionals in a nation they call home. The United States was a country created by immigrants and I think it is unfair to charge undocumented students outrageous fees to get a college degree after all their hard work to stay focus and graduate from high school. Furthermore, I believe it is unreasonable for the United States to allow them to continue their education yet limit them to a certain level of success. If these undocumented American students are interested in working in a profession the United States is understaffed at, why not allow them to do so? If these students are interested in giving back to the United States for all the opportunities granted to them, why not? These individuals have the potential to give back to our country in great ways without being a burned to the system. By giving students In State Tuition fees we are not giving them a free education but a more affordable education just like any other American student.

I have an undocumented friend that struggled a lot to pay for her first three semesters at a public college in Connecticut. Her parents were separated and her mom was the single parent in her house. Her mother worked while her children went to school. However, my friend had to pay an out of state tuition and could no longer afford it after her first three semesters in college because her family expenses in addition to her tuition were too expensive. Instead she helped he mother pay for the house expenses because the out of state tuition fees were nearly double the regular in state tuition fees. Although there are some scarce resources to receive aid to pay for college like scholarships for undocumented students, these methods were very selective and competitive. However, she received a scholarship that helped her for her first three semesters, but these alternatives plummeted afterwards. And the truth is that my friend could have been a successful bilingual educator at a local elementary school. However, because she did not have the means to pay for an out of state tuition she will continue to work in the service sector like most immigrants in this country.

To conclude, I would like to say that we have the opportunity now to offer many of these undocumented American students the chance to be successful professionals, why not do it? Many of these students are not loitering around their neighborhoods and instead are looking for other means to make a difference in our society. For this reason, on Tuesday March 15, 2011 we have the opportunity to make a difference by giving these students seeking higher levels of success the chance to pay In State Tuition fees. Let's work together to make that difference and have many more professionals in our society.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Gonzalez