

To members the Higher Education Committee:

I am writing in support of Bill #398 to make higher education financial aid available to more undocumented students. I am an ally of CT Students for a Dream. When an undocumented student can go to college he can contribute more to society. The undocumented students have the motivation and resilience needed to succeed in college and in their careers. The student who has a college education has more ways to become part of society.

The person who came to US from another country has the good habits, energy, and strength to needed to succeed. Every day there are undocumented people who leave the house for work at 5:30 in the morning, some use their energy and strength to make sure the houses in our towns look neat with cut grass and trimmed hedges, some keep the insides of homes clean and in order, some cook the food in our many restaurants, some keep the hospitals clean and the patients cared for, some dig the ditches to repair roads, others build the townhouses, and still others work in the many stores in each town in this state. They apply themselves every day to make their lives work. Certainly we owe it to them for the hard and essential work they do to expand the ability of their children to go to college to have a different and easier life from them. Each parent wants their child to do better than herself, to be able to work with their mind instead of with their strength and sweat and to be seen and to be accepted into society.

Please pass the bill that will make institutional aid available to undocumented students. We need to do this in order to keep America's economy competitive. It can only make Connecticut a more attractive place to live. It would lead to new businesses, new research, new ideas, and more efficient ways of doing things that will contribute greatly to the economy.

Thank you for your time in reading this comment. Dated February 26, 2015.

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