

Dear Members of the Higher Education Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly,

My name is Maria Guadalupe Andrade Solis, from New Milford, and I am a student of Nonnewaug High School. I am a member of the organization CT Students for a DREAM. I stand in support of SB 147: AN ACT ASSISTING STUDENTS WITHOUT LEGAL IMMIGRATION STATUS WITH THE COST OF COLLEGE. This bill would equalize access to institutional financial aid at Connecticut public universities and colleges to all students regardless of immigration status.

I am from Veracruz, Mexico and I lived in Connecticut since the year 2002. I come to United States with a medical visa, to find out a way to separate me of my conjoined twin sister Maria Guadalupe.

I am attending Nonnewaug High School, and I am focusing in Vet Science, and I want to go to College because I want to have a better life that my father and my mother, I can see how hard life and make sad but proud at the same time, because they do that for us. The financial Situation of my family is worrying me all the times and do not want to put my goals and dreams and great grades in the garbage because the factor money.

I do not have the same opportunities as go to places because documentation, I do not a citizen. I do miss my grandma in Mexico and I can do not go and visit her.

My grades are excellent and I do want to go to Saint George University located in Grenada, West Indies, University specialized in Vet Science.

For me and my sisters this bill mean a lot because one good day, we can be veterinarians, and my parents do not have to be stressed concerned about my future. I will have a future with stability and progress and happiness.

SB 147 and Institutional Aid is necessary because, as students we are the future and the future have to be good. Why differences between students. we want equal rights education.

I support SB 147 and hope the committee will vote favorably on SB 147.

Thank you for your time,

Maria Guadalupe Andrade Solis.
New Milford.