

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

My name is Lizbeth Balt from Danbury, CT, and I am a student at Danbury High School. 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 Mexico, I have been in the United States since I was born. My story is that I have family that weren't born here and they are fighting for their dream. I have an older, beautiful, and talented sister that is 18 and can't go to college because she is undocumented. She wants to become an artist and she is very working hard. I want to see her succeed in life.

I am going to Danbury High school. I am studying English, math, science, etc. I want to go to college because I want to be a dancer or a veterinarian. Education is important to and my family because the more knowledge you have the better opportunities you will get in life.

The SB 147 and institutional aid will make things better for immigrant students and for my family. I will give them the opportunity to have a better future, and to have the same and equal rights as others. It will give people like my sister and my family the opportunity to go to college because they will be able to afford it.

The legislators should support it because it is important for people because everyone needs to have the same equal rights.

I support SB 147. Thank you for your time,
Lizbeth Balt
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