Genoveva Arias Webster
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Testimony before the Judiciary Committee
IN FAVOR OF SB 428
Re: Funding for Legal Aid

Hello. I am Genoveva Arias-Webster. I have three children. I came to the United States with my daughter. In Connecticut I met a man who was wonderful to my daughter and me. He and I were very in love and decided to marry and have more children. We had two sons but my husband kept us isolated and poor. He was verbally abusive to me and I had no one to turn to. I had to leave my husband to protect myself and my children. I wanted to divorce him but I had no money. Legal Aid helped me with my divorce. With the assistance of Legal Aid I obtained primary residence of our sons and child support. Legal Aid also got me one of the cars my husband owned. Now I am no longer isolated and poor. Without Legal Aid's help, my children and I would not have the freedom and happiness we now enjoy. I am here to ask you to please continue funding Legal Aid so that they can continue helping people like me. Thank you.