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In support of SB 956 (with modifications)

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Yuliana Bonilla de Osorto. I have been living in this country for seventeen years. I support S.B. No. 956: "AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS", with clear language that extends eligibility to all HUSKY programs to all CT residents, regardless of their immigration status.

For me, it is very difficult to go to a hospital or a clinic because I am an undocumented immigrant. We do not have medical insurance, and it is very difficult to resort to these places. They deny us medical attention for the simple reason that we lack medical insurance or papers. We cannot even get our teeth cleaned. And when a person's health is grave, we think twice about getting help because we do not know if they will attend to us, and if they do attend to us, the bills are bigger and outside our budgets.

Honorable representatives, I want to ask you to offer us medical insurance because it is a human need, and medical insurance should be a duty of the State and not a luxury. Having medical insurance allows us to continue working during this pandemic, and as essential workers, we are the ones who show up in person during this COVID pandemic. I would be grateful if you could help us get medical insurance. May God bless you.

Thank you.