

Dear members of the Human Services Committee,

My name is Maureen Butler, and I am a New Haven resident who stands in support of SB No. 956, "AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS." This bill would provide medical assistance to low-income residents of Connecticut, regardless of immigration status.

As an employee of the Yale Toddler Developmental Disabilities Clinic, I see firsthand the importance of access to medical diagnostic services. A medical diagnosis of a developmental disability provides a family with access vital to services a child needs grow and develop. Unfortunately, without insurance coverage, it is almost impossible for any family to afford a diagnostic evaluation. HUSKY provides this coverage and allows families to access healthcare for their children.

All children deserve access to the healthcare they need to grow and thrive. This is true regardless of immigration status. Because of this, I support HB No. 6334. I hope the committee will vote favorably, as it directly impacts the health and development of children across the state of Connecticut.

Thank you,
Maureen Butler