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Attn: Human Services Committee

Subject: In support of HUSKY for Immigrants SB 956 with modifications

I am writing in support of "An Act Providing Medical Assistance to Individuals Regardless of Immigration Status". My grandparents left Ireland during the potato famine and immigrated to America in order to survive. Today people are immigrating from Central and South America in order to survive. To my knowledge the only people who haven't immigrated to this country are Native Americans.

I am a volunteer with the Hartford Deportation League. I accompany persons who need to appear in Federal Court for immigration issues. The people I have met are hard workers and loving parents who fled from their native countries out of fear for their lives and their children's lives.

Even those who are working and paying taxes are ineligible to apply for health insurance. That is not only unfair, but insane in the midst of an epidemic. By granting them the opportunity for health coverage, we are also protecting ourselves. We are all brothers and sisters. Please do what is right and allow vulnerable people to have a chance for a better life. Our country has been blessed in so many ways - now is the time to share these blessings.

Thank you.