

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

My name is Ila Duncan, I am a resident of Wilton.

I stand in support of 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 immigration status.

I grew up in Connecticut and moved back with my family in March 2020 due to COVID. For all of the struggles of the past year, I have appreciated reconnecting with my home state and getting involved in communities here as an adult. My family has always had access to healthcare when we needed it, mostly through private insurance, but I strongly believe that health is a community issue and having access to health care when many in my community do not puts the entire community at risk. COVID has shown us an extreme example of the danger of tying health care to job security, access to wealth and other privileges that leave many in our state unable to access the care they need.

We will all be safer if we make healthcare accessible to all, therefore I support S.B. No 956, with clear language to extend current HUSKY eligibility rules to all CT residents, regardless of immigration status, and I ask the committee to support this legislation.

Thank you for your time,
Ila Duncan
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