

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

My name is Therese Eke, I am a parent and resident from Milford, CT.

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.

My daughter, a Korean adoptee, is doing her internship in guidance and counseling at a high school in Bridgeport for her masters degree. She has several students who are undocumented, and despite working hard and doing well in school, they live in constant fear that they or their families will fall ill or have an accident and be unable to go to the hospital because they may face deportation. This is not the CT I know and love that welcomed my daughter,.

We are a state that is certainly able, and should be willing, to care for everyone and make this state a better place for all of us.

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,

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