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In support of SB 956 (with modifications)

I have lived in the city of Stamford for the past 15 years. I am a mother of two little girls, I am part of Building One Community's "Parent Power" group, and I am also part of the National Domestic Workers Alliance.

I want to tell you my story. I want to talk about how important it is to have medical insurance. Our community is the one that is always affected the most due to lack of medical insurance.

For example, when I was pregnant with my two girls, I realized how important it is to have medical insurance. I did not have insurance and I had to pay \$3,000 for prenatal care. When my husband and I were jobless, it was very difficult because each pregnancy had complications. We didn't receive any help and I had to work long days, even though I was putting at risk my pregnancy.

It is very important that you hear everything we go through on a daily basis so you can take it into account when you're deciding this initiative to grant us medical insurance, especially now during this pandemic.

We don't have access to something as simple as insurance to cover our essential needs such as mental health, dental health, and pregnancy care. I believe my case represents many women who have gone through the same situation. This is why I ask you to put yourself in our shoes, be the ones that defend our rights and help us by approving this bill. Thank you!