

Support bill SB 956

Dear Members of the Connecticut General Assembly Human Services Committee

Make The Road CT statewide organization ,we all want our community to prevent illness for our families and ourselves and get effective, compassionate care if we get sick. However, for immigrants, getting the health care they need and deserve is incredibly difficult. Many families fear institutions, like doctor's offices and hospitals, that might ask questions about their immigration status and do not want to risk tearing their family apart to go to the doctor. Systemic racism, discrimination, and language barriers in the health care system can make it overwhelming for immigrants to seek care. And if community members are uninsured, the cost of care is far outside what many can afford. attached are 3 stories from members off our community .

We Hope we can thrive if we get the care we need and deserve. We face disparities to getting what we need to be healthy. Due to systemic racism and unfair barriers to care, our communities struggle with high rates of illnesses like diabetes and heart disease and often do not have access to the healthy food, affordable housing, and health coverage that we need to prevent and fight these health problems. Medicaid can help give us what we need to be healthy and successful.

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