

My name is Michael Gordon, I am a resident from Meriden for many years and am ineligible for health insurance due to my documentation status.

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.

Blessings to all of the staff from the Connecticut Human Services Committee that's really helping people like me. I know personally how hard it is not having health insurance. For years I've been trying to get a medical care and it's been going "half on," meaning the clinic I go to does a lot, but they can only do so much. For instance, eye care, dental care and other things people need help in has been short-coming for years. For the past 3 years, I have blurry vision that makes it so I can't see out of my eye. The clinic has tried to find me a place to get it checked, but I have been waiting for months and still nothing. My eyes are only getting worse, and I am afraid I will lose my sight. I'm suffering with arthritis and many other ailments and need medications. I try to get help but sometimes the clinics put me on a long hold because they are not equip with the facilities to help.

I'm seeking medical advice and care in so many areas, but the staff at the clinic can't go beyond their limits though they too really want to help. We immigrants need help! Not to say we're pressuring Americans, but we love this country as much or even more. We work even hard for this country, but we need HELP. Please for all people in the clinic who try to help, I say I thank them but as for the practical part for life please, please this bill needs to pass in Jesus name.

Thank you,
Michael Gordon