

Testimony in favor of (with modifications):
SB-956: An Act Providing Medical Assistance to Certain Individuals Regardless of Immigration
Status

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Dear Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie, and Members of the Human Services
Committee:

My name is Donna Grossman, and I am from Windsor. I stand in support of SB956, but with
modifications. SB956 as currently written leaves out many in our immigrant community, it leaves
out low-income parents and children under HUSKY A and low-income elderly and disabled folks
under HUSKY C. I support modifying SB956 to include ALL CT residents that qualify under the full
current HUSKY eligibility.

I don't have a story to tell of not having health insurance. I am lucky enough to be a second-
generation American citizen, having had three of my four grandparents come to this country at
a time before there was such a thing as undocumented immigrants. However, the fact that my
grandparents were lucky in the timing of their immigration does absolutely nothing to lessen
my repugnance at the fact that our undocumented immigrant community cannot buy into
AccessHealth CT and are ineligible for Medicaid, Medicare, and other programs. As COVID-19
should have hit home to everyone by now, people without access to medical services die. And
this was true prior to COVID and will still be true after.

I support S.B. No 956 with the modifications above, and hope the committee will make those
changes.

Thank you for your time,
Donna Grossman