

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB956
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF CT GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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

My name is Renán Guzman, I am a father who lives in Hartford CT and I am undocumented.

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.

Since February 15, 2019 I have been going through a difficult time, battling with depression and drug addiction. I seeked help at a mental health hospital here in Hartford but they denied me the assistance because I don't have health insurance. Now I am clean but still struggling with depression. It's not only me, my whole family suffers. My daughter suffers. I am afraid of seeking support because I don't have insurance.

I am hopeful that if this law passes it will benefit many people, all of us in the immigrant community of Connecticut.

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,

Renán Guzman

Member of Hartford Deportation Defense