

To the Human Services Committee,

My name is Jhon and I live in new Haven. I support S.B. No. 956: "AN ACT PROVIDING HEALTH CARE FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS", with clear language that extends eligibility for all HUSKY programs to all CT residents, regardless of their immigration status.

I think it would be very good that health care is free for migrants like myself for the simple fact that we also contribute to the economy of this country and pay our taxes responsibly. Many times we feel we are in bad health, but we are afraid to go to hospitals thinking and imagining the high cost that we will have to pay for the care provided, even if we do it virtually.

In my case, I had problems with depression when the pandemic started and I had to call my family doctor but at the same time I was afraid of the cost of having to pay. I had to pay \$185.00 to talk for 15 minutes on the phone. I found myself depressed and worried about paying the doctor's bill and couldn't go back despite still having depression.

We sincerely hope that the human services committee can approve this law that we migrants need so much. God Bless each and every one of you, members of the committee.

Sincerely,
Jhon Heras