

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

My name is Shoshanah Kay. I am a retired registered nurse and a resident of Willimantic, in the Town of Windham, CT. I stand in support of SB 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.

I have worked in healthcare for close to 40 years (GA, SC, RI, CT) among diverse populations and in a variety of settings. (Homecare, Nursing Homes, Hospitals and Intensive Care Units). The clear constant in all of this is: People are people. Each person deserves dignity and care. Each life is precious. Each life matters. Illness is the great equalizer. It can take any one of us down in an instant. Our health affects our ability to care for ourselves and our families, as well as our ability to contribute to our communities. This pandemic has taught us well that what affects one, ultimately affects all. We are all in this together. Globally and locally.

I support SB 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 the same.

In gratitude for your good work,
Shoshanah Kay, retired RN and resident of Willimantic, Windham, CT