

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

My name is Ashley Makar. I am a resident of Hamden and the community liaison for Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services, a statewide agency based in New Haven. 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.

I strongly urge you to pass this bill, as it would provide hundreds of clients me and my co-workers serve access to vital healthcare. I personally tried to help an undocumented single mom get medical care for her 18-year-old daughter. We got no help from ACCESS HEALTH CT, nor from the provider. Now, the family is in even more medical debt than before, which is very distressing for a family that struggles to make ends meet, month after month.

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,  
Ashley Michelle Makar