

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

My name is Laura Maltz Rozza and as a Hartford resident, I am writing to share my support of SB956: AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS, but with modifications. SB956 currently excludes many in our immigrant community, low-income parents and children under HUSKY A, and low-income aging adults and people with disabilities under HUSKY C. I support modifying SB956 to include ALL Connecticut residents that qualify under the full current HUSKY eligibility.

In this moment, access to healthcare is more important than ever, and providing for the health of all community members makes our community stronger as a whole. When parents don't need to choose between their child's medicine and keeping the lights on, that individual is, in turn, better equipped to go on with their daily life and contribute positively to our community.

My family was uninsured for much of the pandemic, and while I feel deeply fortunate to have insurance now, we lived each day in fear of an illness or accident that would quickly cascade into a crisis if we could not cover the costs. I write to you today in the hopes that you will make the right choice and help all individuals access the life-saving care that they need by supporting S.B. No 956 with a modification to ensure that all Connecticut residents that qualify under the full current HUSKY eligibility.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration,
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