

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

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

My name is Sayra Mejía, I am a mother 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.

As an immigrant mother my worry is that I can't get health insurance, especially for my daughter who is 14 years old and was born in Honduras. I have visited clinics and have only been able to receive care when I applied for the discount programs. If I take my daughter for a doctor's visit, there is very little they can do. The primary care doctors refer me to specialists, because of her chronic migraines. My biggest worry is that she needs to see a specialist and that I have to find other ways to help her manage her migraines because we can't afford to see those doctors. I would like for her to have access to health insurance.

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,

*Sayra Mejia*

Member of Hartford Deportation Defense