

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

My name is Wanda L Negron, I am a resident from Groton.

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 was born in Bronx, NY. My parents and I moved to New London, CT at the age of two. We have lived in CT ever since. I am the youngest of three siblings and I am a first generation college student. I currently work for Southern CT State University. I know firsthand how much the HUSKY program assisted me and my family. I received assistance from Husky my entire young until I became an adult with my own children. If it were not for the program, my family and I would not have been able to receive the medical attention that we needed as a middle-to-low income household.

This bill will provide many families with the medical assistance that they need. We should not be preventing a family health care based on their citizenship status. We already see the disparities in communities for people of color when it comes to medical care. This bill would be the start of changing the narrative for our people of color and those who are undocumented. If an undocumented individual can work in our state and pay taxes, then they should have the right to receive medical 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,

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