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**In support of SB 956 (with modifications)  
Healthcare for all Immigrants**

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

My name is Keysi Nejare. I support SB956, but with clear language to include all Connecticut residents who qualify under the full current HUSKY eligibility.

Medical insurance is necessary for immigrants. I have had to take my son to the hospital and emergency room. They only attended to him after a long time, but when they asked me whether we had insurance and I said no, they told us that we were free to go, since we did not have enough money to pay. They get rid of us quickly in the hospital. But if a child has insurance, and with the same diagnosis, they automatically hospitalize him. For us, though, after visiting a primary care doctor, and not even a complete visit, they hit us with the bills. Sometimes for one vaccination and a pediatric visit we get bills for \$350. That is what I make in a good week of work. It would be good to have insurance that was better aligned with our income, or to have bills that could be something we could pay. It is very unjust.

Basic insurance is necessary. Just because we are immigrants doesn't mean we lose the right to health care. Thank you.