

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

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

My name is Constanza Segovia, I have been a resident of Hartford CT since 2010. I am part of a mixed status family.

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.

With my family we spend many years without health insurance, worrying about any illness. Knowing that if something serious happened to us, it would mean a debt that would cost us a lot of sacrifice to pay. Now we continue with this concern with our relatives who are undocumented.

My brother is autistic, and he depends and needs a lot of support from my parents in his daily life. When he has health problems we have to limit ourselves to community clinics, otherwise it is very expensive to go to the doctor. He has a pill that he has to take every day that helps him a lot, and my parents have a hard time buying it.

My brother will have access to health insurance if this law is passed, as will many others in our immigrant communities across Connecticut. I ask you: How can the value of the life of an entire community be negotiated? Health care is our human right, and it is imperative that this law passes. The state of CT has to take responsibility and provide our immigrant community with the basic human rights that we demand. No more crumbs!

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,

Constanza Segovia

Member of Hartford Deportation Defense