

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

I stand in SUPPORT of SB956: AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS.

I am Hilda Slivka, MD, a resident of Avon, Connecticut, and I support expanding HUSKY to all state residents regardless of immigration status.

I was told there are 13,000 Connecticut children unable to receive health care coverage due to their immigration status.

Multiple publications in medical journals support data that children provided with medical care thrive and ultimately succeed further than those without adequate health care. As a child of immigrants, I am grateful this country afforded me the benefits of care and education that fostered my growth and accomplishments. We should be providing these basic human needs to everyone. Who knows? Maybe one of the children you assist may grow up to become a pediatrician some day, just as I did.

Thank you for your time.

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