

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

My name is Kimberly Stoner, and I live in New Haven.

I stand in support of SB956: AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS, but with modifications. SB956 as currently written leaves out many in our immigrant community, it leaves out low-income parents and children under HUSKY A and low-income elderly and disabled folks under HUSKY C. I support modifying SB956 to include ALL CT residents that qualify under the full current HUSKY eligibility.

I work for the state of Connecticut, and as a full-time unionized state employee, I have excellent health insurance. I believe everyone in the state should also have excellent health insurance. The immigrants in New Haven are neighbors in my city, and many of them work at essential jobs that supply our community with food, take care of our children, our sick and our elderly, and do other important work. Others are children in our community who need good health care to grow up strong and healthy and live a good productive life.

As we have seen in this pandemic, everyone in the community would benefit if we all had access to good health care.

I support S.B. No 956 with the modifications above, and hope the committee will make those changes.

Thank you for your time,

Kimberly Stoner, Ph.D.