

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

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

My name is Ursula Velazques, I am undocumented mother who had lived in Hartford, CT since 2019.

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.

Health is the most important thing. No matter where we come from we all must have equal access to health care. For example, my 5 year old daughter born in Guatemala is not covered by HUSKY. It's a very difficult situation because in case of an emergency without medical insurance we need to pay a lot of money. In the hospital sometimes they provide help but not always. Recently my daughter went to the hospital for an emergency due to urinary infection. They examined her and told me it was an infection. They prescribed medicine and we had to pay out of pocket for it. Then they sent a bill for \$1600 for the visit because it had been an emergency. In that moment the only thing that mattered to us was her health, because it is the most important thing.

If my daughter is able to get access to HUSKY it will be easier for us to bring her to hospital when needed because we will no longer worry about not having health insurance nor of having to pay.

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,

Ursula Velazques  
Member of Hartford Deportation Defense