

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

My name is Regina Wrenn; I am a resident from Milford and an educator in Bridgeport, CT.

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.

I was born in Connecticut and have been a resident for 30 years, and I work as an adult educator in Bridgeport, Connecticut. We cheered for and thanked essential workers throughout the pandemic-- health care workers, restaurant workers, grocery store workers, and more. Many of these essential workers are undocumented and people of color—two groups who COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted. We cheered on our fellow neighbors as they worked outside of their homes throughout the pandemic, but we continue to deny many of them healthcare and insurance. Throughout the past year, I watched as many of the students I work with continued to attend school, work, and help their children with school, all while having no health care or insurance during this difficult time. Our undocumented neighbors strengthen our communities and deserve fundamental rights, including access to health care.

Thank you for your time. 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,

*Regina Wrenn*

Resident of Milford, CT