

**Testimony in Support of S.B. 1056**  
**An Act Expanding Access to Medical Services**  
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Dear Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie and esteemed members of the Human Services Committee,

My name is Marijane Carey. I am a Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Consultant and live in Hamden. This testimony is being submitted on behalf of the CT Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Coalition and Every Woman CT (EWCT). The MCH Coalition is a representative group of more than 78 health care providers, human service organizations and advocates working in concert with the state's maternal and child health population. It serves as a communication and networking vehicle for those working in the field of maternal and child health and advocates for the provision of available, appropriate, and affordable medical, mental health and dental care services. EWCT is pre/interconception health care initiative that supports the health of women and men in their childbearing years.

This testimony is in support S.B. 1056, An Act Expanding Access to Medical Services as it restores eligibility for parents of children with HUSKY A coverage back to 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL). This restoration of eligibility to 200% FPL would allow coverage again for the more than 11,200 parents who were cut from HUSKY A in 2015. The increase to 200% of the FPL expands HUSKY A coverage for a family of three earning up to \$43,920/year, \$53,000 for a family of four, and so on.

This coverage for parents is essential in order to foster a caring and safe environment for their children without having the stress of worrying about their health care issues and any medical/mental health bills that might be incurred as a result of seeking care.

Thank you.

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