

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

I stand in support of S.B. 284: AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR AN INCOME-ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS.

My son is a US citizen but my husband and I do not have Husky or any other health insurance because we are immigrants. Having health insurance would be a huge help for us because we both need dental care and it is very hard because we don't have health insurance. I had to spend \$300 to get a tooth fixed at a private dentist. It took me a long time to get the tooth fixed because for my family, \$300 is too much and we cannot afford it. My husband is prediabetic and has not been able to get the medical care he needs because every medical appointment comes with a cost that affects our finances. My husband has not been able to get his wisdom teeth removed because it is too much money, more than \$2,000. If my son did not have Husky, it would be too difficult for us. If we had Husky access as well, we would have a much better quality of life.

I am in favor of SB 284: a bill to raise the age from 8 to 18 for medical assistance for children regardless of immigration status.

Thank you for your time.

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