

**HB 6666 AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO IDENTITY DOCUMENTS BY
HOMELESS YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS**

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My name is Jaqueline Swagerty. I am part of YOUTH S.P.E.A.K.S. (Supporting Policies and Enriching Any Kinds of Services) at the Center for Children's Advocacy. We advocate on issues affecting youth and young adults who are homeless. I am 20 years old and I am attending Asnuntuck Community College where I am working toward my Phlebotomist Certificate and Medical Assistant Associate Degree. I was recently facing homelessness. My biggest barrier was not having my birth certificate, social security card, and State ID. Thank goodness, I did have a passport due to a high school trip overseas. Many other youth do not have any of these documents. This bill can help a lot of youth and young adults like me to get their papers to move on with their lives in a productive way.

It is important that sections 70-72 of HB 6666 are passed to allow youth and young adults who are experiencing homelessness to get a state ID and/or Birth Certificate at no cost.