

HB 6439 An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June Thirtieth 2023 and
Making Appropriations Therefor: Human Services

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My name is Sally Grossman and I am from Windsor. I'm here to provide testimony regarding the Governor's Proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget for Human Services.

I am currently enrolled in Husky A, along with my two children. I am small business owner and would not be able to afford insurance on my own, especially during a global pandemic when I've seen my work load decrease.

I'm going to share just a couple of the many reasons of how Husky A has a tremendous positive impact on my life and those of my children.

I enrolled in Husky A when I became pregnant with my first child. This was prior to the implementation of the ACA and my existing healthcare plan did not cover maternity care. Had I not been able to obtain such care, I doubt I would have been able to afford to continue with my pregnancy. My son, who is now 8, is the best thing that ever happened to me.

When I was 28 weeks pregnant with my son, I went into pre-term labor. Because of the care I had access to due to my Husky A coverage, I got timely and exceptional medical care and I was able to carry my son to full term and delivery a healthy baby.

A few weeks after the birth of my second child, I developed severe, chronic migraines. For two years I had debilitating migraines every single day, with zero relief. Because of the coverage I have under Husky A, I was able to see a neurologist on a regular basis. For two years I went through over a dozen different medications and treatments before I found something that was able to all but eliminate my severe migraines. This medication is over \$600 a month. There is no way I would be able to afford the only medication that has given me a decent quality of life if I wasn't covered under Husky A.

I have more stories, as do many Husky A recipients. One thing that has become painfully clear during this global pandemic is how important having access to medical care can be. We should be ensuring more people are covered. That includes covering immigrants regardless of their immigration status, and a wider range of low-income individuals. I urge this committee to increase the income eligibility requirements and to allow undocumented immigrants access to this life saving program.