



Dear Members of the Appropriations Committee:

My name is Rosa Vera and I am from Bridgeport Connecticut. I am a member of the fight back committee at Make The Road CT. I support S.B.195: An Act Concerning Health Insurance and Health Care In Connecticut. S.B. 195 will make health care equitable, dependable, and affordable by creating new public options for health insurance in our state.

I am a migrant mother from Ecuador. As a single mom, I have worked hard to put food on the table for my 4 kids. We didn't qualify for any insurance cover at first because of our status as a legal permanent resident so we had to wait for 5 years. We went to see the doctor only when necessary, I had to pay for everything so I struggled with money paying the bills for my 4 kids. It was not easy for them, but then my income and status changed and we were able to qualify for Husky A, all of us, my kids and me.

Now my kids are grown up, they work and have their own life. I have husky D, but I am afraid that they will cut off my insurance because my income goes over the scale. In order to qualify for Husky D my income has to be at or below \$1,468 per month. How can someone live earning that every month? I have to work and earn more than that in order to cover my utility bills, rent, phone, car insurance, gas and food. I cannot cover all of these costs with \$1,468 every month, that's impossible. And now because my income goes above that amount I will lose my Husky and be punished for trying to make ends meet. I was just recently told that I will lose my health insurance.

I urge the Committee and Connecticut lawmakers to support S.B. 195, which increases the eligibility for HUSKY D to 201% FPL so people like me and many others don't lose health insurance.

Thank you for your time,
Rosa Vera From Make the Road CT