TESTIMONY 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.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF CT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

Good afternoon. My name is Hugo Alvarado. I am a member of Uniting for a Safe Inclusive Community - Manchester. I'm in favor 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.

Today I'm going to give testimony about how we immigrants without a social security number struggle with our health. I personally have struggled when I go to the hospital for some reason and they ask us for insurance, but we do not qualify for Husky because we do not have a social security number. We have to pay any amount, sometimes it is more than $1,000; that amount is too much for us. That is why sometimes it is better not to go to the hospital. Also, there are other things we want to do or get checked, such as dentistry, vision, general check-ups, that we haven't done for years because we don't have health insurance. That's why it would be very helpful for us to be able to get Husky. We beg the people who have the power to decide whether to give it to us or not, to please grant us Husky insurance, Thank you.

Please support 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.

Thank you for your time,

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