

Hi all, my name is Heidi Fabiola Alfaro

I am a migrant student and right now I am currently an 11th grader at Milton High School. I have 1 year left before I graduate. I am nervous but looking forward to it. After graduating I would like to study to become a Dentist, this has been a dream of mine since I was a little girl. Also I have seen that my community here in Vermont when it comes to dental services struggles a lot due to many reasons and that has inspired me to help and give back to my community, by focusing on this career path.

I am sad to hear that so many of the challenges and obstacles the immigrant community faces to pursue a higher education, it saddened me to think that perhaps I won't be able to pursue my dreams after all. Education should be universal, but the current system we have is unfair and unjust. We are all human and we all deserve the opportunity to learn, study what we want and pursue our dreams.

We need the state to support us, to have our back, so that we don't have to make the choice of following our dreams or putting food on the table, we need to make the system more equitable.

It's important to support this education bill, and as decision makers, it's important to think about us, about our community, we need each other.

If the bill passes it would be something special that would change my life, my dream since a little girl will no longer be a question but a reality. My career and studies are very important to me, I have learned so much. I am still learning, I want to continue to learn and grow as a person to help others, give me that opportunity, by supporting and passing this bill.