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My mother came here from Honduras at age 25 with nothing but me at her hip and a pair of my underwear in a small purse. Coming to America was not a "want" it was a necessity ... no mother should have to feed their child sugar water because there is no money for milk! There was no straight flight ... there were no passports... there was nothing but an almost 3 week trip made by foot, raft and bus. my mother took on a voyage so many risk their lives daily to get here with the majority not making it but she did it and with a 4 year old at that. She risked both of our lives just to have a mere slice of the "American dream". Since the day we landed my mother has paid taxes and her dues to a country who has turned their backs on every sacrifice she made. Seeing things like immigration check points being set up across the nation is literally tearing me up inside and what worse is the people who can sit there and no what's going on and not even think twice about it because it doesn't affect them. The amount of families being destroyed daily is truly heart wrenching. So go ahead and try to bs me about how "it's not about you and your mom it's about the rest of them" tell me it's about the bigger picture .. TRY to enlighten my mind on how people come here just to "free load" after I know my mother busted her ass as a single parent to move us from the projects in Newark to Roselle park. Through perseverance and a lot of prayer ... we luckily found the loop and were able to get permanent status nearly 23 years later...but there are still SO MANY out there that do not have that opportunity. And I simply refuse to forget what it was like to be in limbo. To know that I had no choice but to go to a community college regardless of what I wanted because financial aid was not available to me at the time. See What you don't get .. is the same way you don't Judge me because you know my story and because you like me...is the same way there's millions of other families who have a similar story to tell.

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