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Testimony to the Human Services Committee
For the Written Record Regarding: **Committee Bill # 6035:**
AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSET TEST USED TO DETERMINE
ELIGIBILITY FOR THE STATE-ADMINISTERED GENERAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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The Connecticut Association of Nonprofits has nearly 500 member organizations, approximately 300 of which are state funded. Many of these organizations work daily, as providers of health and human services, with SAGA eligible individuals on a regular basis and support Committee Bill # 6035, AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSET TEST USED TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE STATE-ADMINISTERED GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

The financial challenges faced daily by SAGA recipients – struggling to pay rent, utilities and buy food – are some that most of us cannot imagine and hope never to have to. It is time to raise the asset limit associated with SAGA cash assistance from \$250 to \$1000. This will ensure the availability of this important safety net for more needy individuals and families and prevent additional pressures on safety net programs such as food-banks and homeless shelters.

Please support Bill # 6035 and feel free to contact me for more information or to put you in contact with a nonprofit organization in your community. Thank you for your dedicated work on such matters.