

Testimony of Janet Auster
In opposition to H.B. 5675
Judicial Committee
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Greetings Senator McDonald, Rep Lawlor, members of the Judiciary Committee and fellow advocates,

I am Janet Auster from Hartford and an advocate from Advocacy Unlimited and the Chrysalis Center. Please do not pass H.B. 5675. To do so would be dangerous and several steps backward with blindfolds on for all of us.

Having been hospitalized about 20 times in California and Connecticut, it is a miracle that I have a home of my own. I was given a chance and released from the Institute of Living and it took me about ten years and two more hospitalizations at St Francis for three weeks and then at the institute for four days to be oh so happy to have a life of my own, full of self-reliance and trust. They told me at the institute that I would have to be hospitalized for the rest of my life, but I proved through my recovery that they were wrong. No one is incapable with the proper care of living a life that they choose. No one is incapable of caring and having hope and doing wonderful things for themselves and others.

I feel that 30 days is too long for a PEC to last. Please reject H.B. 5675.

Sincerely,
Janet Auster