

Testimony
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Greetings, to you our honorable Legislatures:

I'm Janet Auster, from Hartford and I want to stress how grateful I am for all your hard work and the changes you have already brought about for people with a psychiatric disability.

The quality of my life has greatly improved since last year. However, for several months I did not have to pay a spend down, but now I do again. I start to take this personally and even think there is something I've done wrong. I really think that my self and my colleagues need to have the Medicaid eligibility limit raised to a higher level; to avoid gaps in our medical and medication coverage.

I am taking all generic meds right now and technically I am not supposed to cover the cost for them myself, no one should have to. I can't go to the dentist or the doctor right because I will have an enormous debt.

I ask you is it really going to be the spring of our hope soon; have our ships come in yet? Or are they stuck, broken, and paralyzed way out in the sea a drift; where we can't be nourished by the treasures of hope they bring to help us grow, recover, and heal like the necessary rain.

Please let us know how we can help you to help us reach our dreams.

Sincerely,

Janet Auster