

## **Testimony for SB 562 from Anthony Lee Sands from Norwich, CT**

To Senator Harris, Representative Villano and members of the Human Services Committee:

Myself as a disabled person needs to say something to make our representatives in the government pass the bill to lower the qualification standards and make income limits for all adults the same. People I personally know are suffering with not being able to buy food, nor get food stamps. This is because their disability payments are too high, the cost of utilities, oil, gas also are way too high for the income they get. This also includes rent which takes up to 80% of the disability check. Then their health deteriorates and they end up being more sick and costing the taxpayers more money. These people need full Medicaid coverage so that they can live a full life and not have to worry about paying the spend-down or be frightened to see their various doctors.

Thank you for this opportunity.