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Re: HR5622- Domestic Violence Funding

Honorable Committee Members:

I am writing this letter on support of House Bill HH5622 as a request from a close friend who works for this much needed program ran by United Health Community Services.

My friend is a counselor and at times tells me the ordeal of traveling across state lines and how police departments across town lines assist the program. Many times leaving her home late at night to removed victims of domestic violence from their homes.

As I understand this program has a lack on 24 counseling and monitoring staff due to budgetary constraints. An issue that sometimes requires my friend to have police escort due to not knowing the environment at a facility she is coming into late at night. It seems to me that a police officers time might be on the long run more expensive to tax payers.

I know many people in my Willimantic Community where I lived for 22 years who suffered from domestic violence and I also know those individuals who provided the assistance in the social service field, which I often called the "overworked/underpaid" profession. I really think that the request for 24 hour staffing funding makes sense.

Please join me I supporting this needed service in today's violent society.

Sincerely

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Resident