

Good Afternoon, Ladies and Gentleman;

I am very happy to be here on behalf of the individuals that is living with a disorder that they need help from people they don't even know. I've been living with HIV for about 25 years and I almost died 5 or 6 times with this disorder. It's a blessing to find a person that cares about a person with a disorder like HIV/AIDS, MENTAL HEALTH, CANCER, DIABETES, HEART PROBLEMS, ADDICTION, HOUSING. These are some of the situations that Connecticut is facing and try to run away from or not look at, but it's there and we know you know that we need help and you want to cut our help, our life line.

People are dying out in the world and Connecticut is in this world with big situations and they are right in your face and you close your eyes like it going to go away, but it gets bigger. You know what my grandfather told me one day, he said, what's goes around comes around again into the same place it started, right on your lap Governor and Legislators. What are you going to say to us, "we made a mistake," People with disorders don't have the room to make mistakes, they can go back to where they came from. I always thought that life is and always was the most important thought in life.

You have the power to allow people to live, why won't you do that? Governor and Legislators, I seen the love of my mom for her youngest son and what she would do for him if she could. You know something every mother would do that, don't you think, how about you Governor, Legislators, what would do for your child. Would go to the Governor and ask the Governor for help, like we are doing right now. Put yourself in my mother shoes, my mothers mind, my mothers dreams, you can't do it because you don't care and the reason I say this is because you are going to cut the life line to a lot of people from care and services. Why do you think that you can play politics with peoples lives, how dear you do that to the people that put you where you are at today . We trusted you to help us and look over us, then you take it away like you don't care about us any more. Do you know how we feel right now, No!! As we see this happening to us, I look at our children and I have to think that can die because of the worries. I pray to God to give us the strength to help us get through this and to give you what God gave you, the power to change and help us live.

The programs that has helped me and the one that is helping me right now is, CHC, Mercy Housing and Shelter, and Chrysalis Center, Connections Wellness Center. The individuals that work in these programs has helped a lot of people that lives in Hartford. They helped a lot of people that is dead today. I've have been to 17 funerals within 4 months, do you think that you have a handle on this disorder, the Physical, the Mental, the Spiritual, the emotional, No!! you don't and we know you don't have this disorder in order. God, look at what is going on here. This happen before in the past and it's here again. Somebody said, that we are only as strong as our weakest link. One of these days I will come to a end and I will know I did everything I could do, to help another human being. You Governor and Legislators it will come to your families houses, you know what, I hope it doesn't because the day it happens to you that is the day you would know what our fathers and mothers fears and dreams, hopes and prayers, and you will ask yourself, why did I do that to a people, human people. My people needs your help and the reason I call them my people because I know their pains and we live with this pain everyday. There is no happiness for us with this disorders. This isn't a game and if it is a game you don't know the rules. The rules to this game is," LOVE ONE ANOTHER NO MATTER WHAT". Legislators, Mrs. Rell, , can you allow yourselves to feel just for a moment how we feel and you have the power to change what we are about to go through. Be our Governor and help your people, your families in Connecticut.

THANK YOU ALL for Listening. Mr. Charles S. Capers Sr.

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