

March 23, 2009

To: The Judiciary Committee
State of CT

Re: CT Legal Services – SB1157

Human Services throughout the State of CT rely on the CT Legal Services programs to assist clients who come to us who are challenged by limited resources and special situations that keep them from hiring private attorneys.

In the Town of South Windsor where I oversee the Human Services program, I know that our workers use CT Legal Services and Greater Hartford Legal Aid with clients on a regular basis.

The issues that face clients here in the suburbs most often have to do with housing issues, formerly they were mostly landlord/tenant issues, now they are more often regarding foreclosure law.

In addition, there are multi-generation families residing together, often impacted by substance abuse and/or mental illness who seek help with domestic related issues.

On behalf of our department, I write in support of Senate Bill 1157 which will provide additional funding for these needed Legal Services.

Sincerely,

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