

GOOD AFTERNOON CHAIR PERSON AND FELLOW
LEGISLATORS,

MY NAME IS JOSEPH LALIBERTE, AND I AM A DUALY
DIAGNOSED PATIENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES OF WATERBURY.(DMHAS)
I AM ALSO AN ADVOCATE AND COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE
DISCOVERY DROP IN CENTER (DDIC).

THIS CLUB IS AFFILIATED WITH DMHAS. THIS IS A STATE
FUNDED FACILITY AND WE NEED THE FUNDS TO KEEP IT GO-
ING. THE FUNDS WERE RECENTLY CUT AND WITHOUT THESE
FUNDS WE LOSE OUT.

WHEN I SAY "WE" I MEAN THE MENTALLY ILL, AND THERE
ARE MANY MORE STATE FUNDED CLUBS IN THIS AREA.

WITHOUT THE FUNDS THERE WILL BE MORE PEOPLE
JUST WANDERING THE STREETS, OR IN JAIL, OR EVEN IN
THE HOSPITALS. WE DON'T NEED THIS, AND WE DON'T
WANT THIS, SO PLEASE GIVE US THE FUNDS THAT WE NEED.

DON'T GET ME WRONG I'M NOT TALKING JUST ABOUT THE
CLUB, I'M TALKING ABOUT DMHAS WHO HELPS WITH HOUSING,
MEDICAL, NURSING,PHYSICATRY AND EVEN TRANSPORTATION,
AND THERE ARE VERY MANY MORE PROGRAMS.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN.

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