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The Governor's Proposed Deficit Mitigation Plan  
and the Impact of the Governor's Rescissions**

Hi, my name is Susan Maxwell and I'm a member at the Independence Center in Waterbury. I know there are a lot of budget cuts in all aspects in Connecticut but adding co-pays and changing our medications around will only cost more in the long run because there will be more and longer hospitalizations. For myself I'm now working at Macy's in Waterbury for over 5 years. If the medication part D starts changing my medication around I won't be able to work which will be a big setback in my recovery. The budget cuts might hurt the Independence Center more than it already has. The members who go there on a daily basis to get the help and recovery they need will have nowhere to go including myself. A lot of consumers have come a long way in their recovery. Cutting the Independence Center will set members back.

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