

Testimony before the Appropriations Committee
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For the record, my name is Leslie McLellan and I live in Torrington, CT and I am a human person that is experiencing mental illness. I am a consumer/member of Prime Time House, Inc. in Torrington, CT and also the Mental Health Association of Torrington, CT.

I am gravely concerned of the potential budget cuts on services provided to these local agencies. If these services are cut, I will not have the support of these agencies, as part of my recovery plan.

Prime Time House supports me in employment and socialization. Without Prime Time House, I would be isolated at home without the supports I need to rebuild my self-esteem, socialization skills, educational, vocational and advocacy help.

Through the work that I have participated in at Prime Time Clubhouse and the work ordered day has increased my confidence to the point that I am able to guide other members to learn new tasks at Prime Time. I also feel that these skills would be able to guide me in a job outside of Prime Time and in life in general.

Prime Time House also supports my daughter and my husband who are also members of the Clubhouse. Without the supports of Prime Time House, it would have drastically altered my entire family's recovery.