

**Testimony before the Appropriations Committee
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Bill Miller**

Hi, I am Bill Miller. I live in Torrington, CT and I am proud to be a Prime Time House member. I joined in 1995 and have been coming since. Prime Time House gives me structure to have a positive, healthy outlook on my bipolar condition. This is important to me because it has helped me to realize that I can finally achieve my goals. I suffered a lot with my illness; hospitals, prisons, streets of NYC. I was isolated and alone.

A friend of mine told me about Prime Time House. I came to the Clubhouse because it gave me a place to come where I felt that I belong. I feel needed, wanted, and appreciated. I am working on getting a job and people at Prime Time House are very professional and helpful like angels sent from above.

Because of the Clubhouse, having a mental health illness isn't so bad, it's a blessing. I hope that someday the stigma will be lifted.

I ask that you please reject the Governor's deficit mitigation plan and protect mental health services that have been important to me and my recovery.

Thank you.