

Testimony before the Public Health Committee
March 12, 2010
In Favor of SB405

Good morning/afternoon distinguished chairs and members of the Public Health Committee. My name is Jeanne Nodine and I am here today to urge you to vote for SB405, An Act Concerning the Development of Cost Effective Supportive Housing for Frequent Users of Costly State Services. I am also urging you to vote against any proposed cuts to these programs. I was homeless at one time in my life and thanks to programs like these, am now in stable housing. I would rely on friends to put me up if not. There are many people who are not so lucky.

Housing is a big problem here and any cuts would be only making it worse. Vote against these cuts to help provide more opportunities for people who are homeless to find a place to live. I do understand that there is a huge deficit here in Connecticut, but why do people who are homeless and/or poor have to suffer more?

I myself live on an income of \$212.00 per month. My rent is \$650.00 per month plus utilities. Without my rental assistance, I would not be able to have my own apartment and would be living on the streets, in a shelter or with friends. People who own their homes and have good paying jobs have no idea what it is like to be on the streets. There are so few shelters that are not overcrowded or even closed now due to the economy. Vote no to any cuts.

