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Good afternoon Co-Chairs and members of the Appropriations Committee. My name is Theodus Davis and I am from the Independence Center in Waterbury.

I was in Fairfield Hills Hospital for two years back in 1983. They used seclusion, straightjackets, and four-point restraints. It used to make me more upset.

After that I moved to Waterbury and lived in a group home and then to a supportive housing program after that. I felt better and was able to learn how to cook and clean and take care of myself.

Now I have my own apartment, and live on my own and do my own grocery shopping and budgeting. I had a job for a long time, but was laid off a couple of years ago. Now I am looking for a new job. I have not been in the hospital since 1983.

I support the governor's budget that supports children's and adult's mental health services. However, I do not support the increase in co-pays for medications. If the co-pay increases, I will have little money to do much else and it will make it hard for a lot of people.

Please remember us and keep us in the budget.

Thank you for your time.