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Good afternoon/evening Co-Chairs and members of the Committee. My name is David Neal and I am a registered voter who lives in New Haven, CT.

People who are in the mental health system should not have their medications taken away from them in order to balance the budget.

I think there should be another alternative to save money for the budget and don't mind if taxes are raised. I agree with the Governor's approach to share the cost to balance the budget.

I take 11 medications daily to maintain my health, both physical and mental.

Not only is this for my benefit but for everyone else's who needs their medications because it's vital to their health, maintains their recovery and allows them to stay employed.

I thank Governor Malloy for protecting mental health services and encourage the legislators to support him and his budget.

Thank you.