

March 2, 2011

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Re: Testimony Opposing cuts to DCF Parole Staff

To: Appropriations Committee

Madame Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Henry Le from East Hartford, CT and I am here today to testify against Governor Malloy Budget Proposal to Increase Juvenile Parole caseloads by associated reduction of 22 Parole Social Workers. The budget summary is located in the Department of Children and Families Budget Summary on page B-140.

Since my discharge from CJTS and Glen Mills School, I've been working with my P.O. Monica Bowman Claudio. This relationship has helped me during this difficult transition. She has helped me enroll in an alternative high school (Synergy High School) and participate in a leadership development program. At the end of the school year she encouraged me to get involved in a summer program at Goodwin College (Bridge Program). This enabled me to obtain college credits and also work at the college.

As the start of the school year came, my P.O. encouraged me to enroll at Great Path Magnate School. This would let me earn additional college credits. While at Great Path I participated in the varsity football program at East Hartford High School. It was a great experience and ended with my father walking me out to mid-field on senior night.

I do not know what I would have done without my P.O.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Le". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Henry Le