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Appropriations and Human Services Committee
CT State Legislature
Legislative Office Building – Room C2

The Honorable Representatives of this Committee:

I personally will not be affected by the proposed changes to the Medicaid Low Income Adult program. However, unlike the members of our government I don't have to be directly affected to have empathy and sympathy for the people these changes will affect. Whereas members of our government may feel as though if it doesn't affect them personally or their families then others can deal with the consequences I not only empathize and sympathize with the people but I am completely outraged that the members of our government would even have the audacity to attempt this blatant disregard for the people's civil, social, economic and human rights. Therefore I am compelled to speak because of our government's lack of capacity to understand, obvious incompetence, and blatant insensitivity to an already oppressed people

From our Country's most decorated documents:

The Declaration of Independence

We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, - that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying it's foundation on such principles in organizing it's powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established shall not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience has shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.

From the United States Constitution:

Amendment 14, Section 1: All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunity of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law.

From the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Preamble : Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbaric acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people.

Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyrant and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law.

Article 22: Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, through national effort and in accordance with the organization and resources of each state of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality.

Article 23, number 3: Everyone who works has the right to just and favorable remuneration ensuring for himself and his family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemented, if necessary, by other means of social protection.

Article 25, number 1: Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing, medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.