

**Testimony before the Appropriation Committee**

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Good evening Members of the Appropriations Committee. My name is Kevin Leniart and I live in Windsor Locks, CT. I work at the Second Wind Clubhouse in Enfield, CT as a Senior Clubhouse Director.

I have come here today not to ask for money. But rather, I hope to provide an insight into a new designer drug. It's called appreciation.

The unique properties of appreciation make it more beneficial to give than to take.

I appreciate the place where I live.

I appreciate the opportunity to work and my co-workers.

I appreciate the people I know and love as family and friends.

I appreciate the things that enhance my life in love of sports, entertainment, and music.

I also appreciate the work that our legislators, their aides, staffers, and fellow advocates do for us every day.

I appreciate Advocacy Unlimited and Keep the Promise Coalition.

And I appreciate what DMHAS does for us on a regular basis. They fund programming and provide support for Community Health Resources of which the Second Wind Clubhouse is a part.

I appreciate the world at large and am grateful to have a place in it.

Please ask yourself today. What do you appreciate? And how can you keep it going strong?

Now, please. NO CUTS to the DMHAS budget. I would really appreciate it. Thank you.