Testimony before the Appropriations and Human Services Committees
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In opposition to the Medicaid Low Income Adult Waiver 1115
Kevin Geoghegan

The Following is my statement:

My experience with applying for Medicaid was quite a emotional rollercoaster. I was first introduced to the possibility of getting Medicaid in the Spring of 2008 after I finished my classes at the University. I believe a job counselor of mine told me about the program, if I qualify I can get health insurance. I was very hopeful, and I thought I would qualify due to my income level; I have been denied times before having a pre-existing condition. I received my pre-existing condition when I was only five years old (1983). At that time, I applied for Medicaid, I was living at home with my parents where I paid them a low amount of rent. I soon began to find out that I make too much money and I have too much money in assets. Being rejected from Medicaid was extremely disappointing, and I had little hope of getting health insurance or health care for myself. Luckily I discovered another option to my health care, I learned of a program called Sustinet. It was a public option to insurance, but several years later it failed to become a real option, before it even started. Now, with the health care law, I feel that I can get health care with Medicaid expansion. It is essential that you do not cut Medicaid you will deny individuals their only hope for health care; to live a healthy life. One does not have to be a math graduate, which I am that it is not fiscally responsible for the state of Connecticut to have US citizens, or even Connecticut residents have the emergency room as their main source to health care. Please do not put anyone on this emotional rollercoaster that I have been on.

I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kevin P. Geoghegan