

John foster

I understand that clrp was established as a result of a lawsuit by the Connecticut civil liberties union (cclu) in 1989 against the department of mental health (now DMHAS). The complaint in Doe v Hogan alleged that residents of the state's psychiatric hospitals were being denied their constitutional and statutory rights to legal assistance. Since when has the state of Connecticut settled for anything less than the staunchest defense of the constitutional rights of the citizens of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA??!! With the proposal to cut funding to the clrp, we are in effect weakening the ability amongst those of us in most need of having their rights protected. I myself view that as an attack on the premise of what the state of Connecticut has long stood for! Our forefathers put their life and liberty in jeopardy to ensure these rights were won. Through bloodshed only were these rights won. To forfeit hard fought for gains due to a reluctance to spend money to safeguard them -- seems almost sacrilege. If not downright UNCONSTITUTIONAL.