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To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Rev. Dr. James R. Cook Sr., D. Min. I am a job developer for the Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program. A Career Resources Inc., The Work Place and the Department of Labor program. I am also the Pastor and founder of Christ The Redeemer Missionary Baptist Church, 785 Boston Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06610.

I recommend the STRIVE Program not be cut from the budget. Strive provides the job readiness training that is needed to strengthen Connecticut's workforce. The funding of STRIVE will help the State toward its goal of full employment. The State will do itself a disservice if it cuts funding to STRIVE.

.I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours Truly

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