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Appropriations Committee Testimony
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Hartford, CT 06106-1591

To whom it may concern;

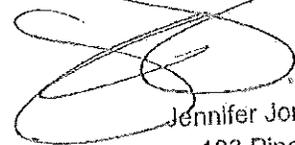
I am writing in regards to the possibly of funding cuts to the Department of Labor Budget, which includes the STRIVE program. As a recent 2012 grad of the STRIVE CNA ACC program in Hartford I do not believe it would be a wise decision to kill such an amazing program from the budget.

For over the last 12 years STRIVE has made great strides in the community and statewide providing services to individuals who need a jumpstart in the workforce or renewing their skills to advance them in the work field.

STRIVE has such a proven track record of success all while working on a low cost budget that I feel you should reconsider this cut. STRIVE has helped so many valuable hard workers get back on their feet as well as helping companies in state keep the workforce alive.

As much as this may be a hard decision to make, it would be an injustice to this state and it'd people to remove this program. I strongly urge you to please keep STRIVE alive in this budget.

Thankfully and sincerely,



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