

February 14, 2013

Appropriations Committee Testimony
Legislative Office Building, Room 2702
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to ask that the funding for the STRIVE program not be cut.

I am a recent graduate of the STRIVE program in New Haven, Connecticut. The STRIVE program has been in the community for over twelve years and has a great proven track record. It is a vital element that is here to help and assist so many that are looking for help.

STRIVE for me and for others, provides guidance, stability and the help that we all so desperately need. So no, it is not just another program, it is a stable hand that helps individuals gain insight and confidence to stand up and secure a way.

I know this is a time that important decisions have to be made, but please let the funding for the STRIVE program be a decision for the many in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Reece". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Deborah Reece
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