

**Testimony before the Appropriations Committee
For DSS and DCF Budget
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In support of the Governor's Proposal to raise funds for all in need.

Please **don't** eliminate helpful, needed, necessary programs, like the cost of living adjustment and expansion and accessibility to Medicaid.

Please **DO** eliminate step therapy, that doesn't allow people with a psychiatric disabilities to take their meds, and doesn't care if we are loved, helped, supported or not.

Our lives are at stake here.

If you deny us our services you will be turning your backs on innocent people who really need your help.

It's not medication that causes violence, it is, rather, intolerance and closed mindedness.