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Finance Committee
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the STRIDE Program, I would like to thank you for your hard work and for allowing us the opportunity to voice our opinion on a critical budget decision that will affect thousands of Connecticut constituents and businesses. We ask the Finance Committee to fully fund Connecticut's Earned Income Tax Credit.

Once our STRIDE participants return home from incarceration, they begin to put their lives back together, securing employment and reuniting with their children and families. As tax-paying citizens, maybe for the first time, the EITC allows them to utilize this money to support their family in a variety of ways. Such as purchasing a car, so they have reliable transportation to get to work or making a large-scale purchase to improve their household.

It is our hope that you keep EITC fully funded to help families like ours and the thousands of others around the state. We know you have many difficult decisions before you regarding our budget. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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