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Dear Member of the Committee;

This state is on the verge of collapse monetarily and morally.

Monetarily we are led to believe that the funds for programs are endless and we see with our current budget it is not. Money for this program and that with no priorities. It is for lack of funds that promotes early release for criminals, lack of care for our mentally impaired and help for our youth. The early release program is a failure. A high percentage (10% in the first several months and climbing) are already re incarcerated or rearrested. Easy fixes usually don't fix anything and are easily circumvented. Fix or eliminate this program!

Morally the state has left many issues to the families. Well when almost 90% of children in Hartford Public schools have a one parent household, usually a mother, there is little guidance when either the parent is working or away for any length of time. The children are left alone to fend for themselves and the TV or video game is their babysitter and teacher. In this aspect the Church and State should not be separate but working together to give Parents and children hope and a place where they can go for guidance and spiritual uplifting. The State cannot cure all problems they can only subsidize them. These children are potential problems. Lets find something we can do to fix these potential problems and not just the symptom. Aspirin will curtail an headache but it could return tomorrow. Lets get to the root of the problem and pass useful legislation.

After school programs in conjunction with churches and local establishments are needed to keep children involved in their community and aware of their surroundings and not lost in a world of gangs and a video reality.

I am in favor of Senate Bill 123: AN ACT REPEALING THE RISK REDUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM.

Thank You

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