

Feb. 19, 2013

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for holding this hearing today for Proposed Bill Number 648.

I am in support of Bill Number 648 to provide funding for case management services at Victory Gardens, a supportive project for homeless Veterans and families at the U.S.A. Department of Veterans Affairs -Newington Campus.

Victory Gardens will provide homeless Veterans a new start in new permanent housing apartments and townhouses with support services by Chrysalis Center, Inc. Chrysalis Center, Inc. has provided supportive case management to homeless individuals for 18 years with great success.

I am a veteran who benefits greatly from the Veterans Support Services and Supportive Housing Program at Chrysalis Center in Hartford. I have experienced first-hand the impact of the case management services, since it has significantly affected my family's life by providing us with a safe place to live and a support person we can count on and trust for ongoing help whenever needed. As a veteran who has benefited from such services provided by Chrysalis Center, which include, but is not limited to, housing/rental assistance, professional staff, counseling, budgeting, employment training skills, interventions, basic need resources, and referrals to other community programs that may be helpful to keep my family intact and stable. Permanent Housing and Case Management support services transformed our lives. It has allowed me the opportunity to enhance my life and become more self-sufficient. I am now in school and working towards a degree, so I could find a job that will pay enough to support my family, and to give back to the community that has helped us get back on our feet.

Your support of Bill Number 648 will ensure the same case management support services are in place for the Veterans at Victory Gardens, just as they have been for my family and me through the Chrysalis Center Veterans Support Services, Supportive Housing Program.

Thank you and please support Bill Number 648

Sincerely,

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