Dear Sir/ Madam:

I am writing in support of Proposed Bill Number 648, an act concerning an appropriation for Victory Gardens in Newington. The Bill would appropriate $230,000 to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, from the Connecticut General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, to fund case management services at Victory Gardens on the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' Newington Campus.

Chrysalis Center, Inc., a leading social service provider in Hartford has been chosen to provide all on-site case management services for Victory Gardens Veterans. As a Board of Director member of Chrysalis Center, I stand in support of Bill Number 648 to ensure funding is in place to provide case management services, a proven approach to restore homeless Veterans to their community.

As a member of the Continuous Quality Review committee, I hear firsthand how effective Chrysalis Center is at meeting their stated objectives, and am impressed by the dedication and support the case managers provide their clients. I urge you to support Bill Number 648.

Sincerely,

Cindy Wilkinson Seip
Chrysalis Center Inc., Board of Directors