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. 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.

Your support of Bill Number 648 will ensure the vital support services dollars are in place for the Veterans at Victory Gardens.

I am the Chief Operating Officer for the Chrysalis Center in Hartford, and I have witnessed first-hand the impact of our services on the individuals we serve. Permanent Housing and Case Management support services transforms lives. Our interventions allow the opportunity for individuals to enhance independence and self-sufficiency by providing a roof over their head, food on the table and the ability to ultimately obtain employment and give back to the community!

Thank you and please support Bill Number 648

Sincerely,

Justine Couvares