

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.

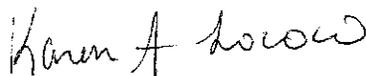
Victory Gardens will provide homeless Veterans a new start in new permanent housing apartments and townhouses with support services by Chrysalis Center, Inc. Chrysalis Center, Inc. has provided supportive case management to homeless individuals for 18 years with great success.

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

I am currently a Program Manager at Chrysalis Center where I have been employed for approximately six years. I spent two years working in the supportive housing for veterans program as a case manager and witnessed the transformation of a person and their development when given housing with supports in place to assist in the transition. Case management and housing together are the solution to end homelessness. By providing these services people are able to return to productive lives. Our nation's veterans have been willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for us. It is OUR duty to support them as they come home.

Thank you and please support Bill Number 648

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen A. Lococo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and a stylized "L".

Karen Lococo