

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.

**Hello my name is Irma Santiago I came to Soromundi Commons in the summer of 2010 and have made great progress. My first experience came from living in the Emergency shelter then I was accepted into the transitional housing which lasted about 1 year and then I was able to move into a one bedroom apartment permanently. I have benefited greatly from this program and services provided through case management.**

Thank you and please support Bill Number 648

Signed: *Irma Santiago*