

**Testimony before the Appropriations Committee  
2.15.13**

**Regarding:**

**HB 6350: An Act Concerning the Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2015, and Other Provisions Relating to Revenue Health and Hospitals-DMHAS**

Senator Harp, Representative Walker and members of the committee:

My name is Thomas Jones, growing up as a child in Hartford, CT was hard. I started using drugs at a young age without any help. We need services like Help Incorporated and others to stay funded. These services give us a second chance at life, so we can be productive in society. If it was not for this safety net I would be incarcerated or homeless and unable to find a job. These programs also help with building structure in our lives. Due to these services I have a clear mind and I am able to have a drug free life. I have become more introspective and can achieve goals beyond my expectations.