



December 12, 2013

To: Senator Harp, Representative Walker and the Members of the Appropriations and Public Health Committees

Community Health Services, Inc (CHS) would like to thank Senator Harp, Representative Walker and all the members of the Appropriations and Public Health Committees of the CT State General Legislature for allowing us to submit our written testimony on the DPH recommendations for the redistribution of the Community Health Services line item grant.

CHS, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), has been open since 1970, caring for some of greater Hartford's most vulnerable citizens. During 2012, we provided services to 19,383 individuals. Our main site is located in the heart of the city's North End community. In 2013, to better meet the needs of our growing client population; we opened a satellite site which is located in Windsor, close to the Bloomfield town line.

Community Health Services, Inc (CHS) currently receives approximately \$132,000 in funding from the DPH. This funding helps CHS cover costs incurred for uncompensated care for close to 1,000 uninsured visits. We provide culturally competent and respectful primary and preventative comprehensive healthcare services to uninsured clients across all age categories. CHS works closely with the DPH grants specialist assigned to our contract to ensure we are compliant with the terms of the contract.

We respectfully ask the Appropriations and Public Health Committees to reject the funding formulas DPH has proposed and to reconsider a formula that will hold every health center harmless so that no FQHC will receive less than its current allocation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory L. Stanton".

Gregory L. Stanton
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