

DAVIS - SB 262

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
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THEODUS DAVIS
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Esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

My name is Theodus Davis and I am a member of the Independence Center in Waterbury, CT. Thank you for letting me testify.

I am giving testimony on Senate Bill 262. I am against this bill because I feel that the way we already have it, works well enough. If you make changes, it would mean that people who might be going through a hard time already would now have police records.

Therefore, in that case, it would make it harder for people to get jobs. People with mental illness are stigmatized enough already and it would be more difficult to get a job. We just want to work and live in society like everyone else, so why make it harder.

I live independently in the community. I am a registered voter and have testified on mental health issues. It seems if more people understood mental illness, they wouldn't be so scared.

Thank you.

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