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**Testimony in Support of the  
Connecticut Home Care Program for Adults with Disabilities  
Appropriations Committee Public Hearing, February 14, 2014**

Honored Chair and Vice-Chair,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to address you and the committee. My name is Benjamin Parady and I live at 300 Plainville Avenue Apt 115 in Unionville, CT. I am 49 years old and living in a nursing home at this time. I say at this time because I fully intend to sign myself out of Aurora Senior Living 400 Brittany Farms Road in New Britain to avoid the 90 day limit. At the end of 90 days my Social Security Disability will be attached for all but a sixty(60) dollar allowance per month effectively rendering me homeless because I will lose the ability to pay my rent, to pay storage for my possessions or pay any other bills I currently pay. So that will condemn me to living here with a ninety(90) something vile-mouthed and senile man who denies my existence in one breath and cusses me out as a lazy degenerate kid the next because I cannot

get out of my bed at night to help him. Then there is the poor woman who roams the hall repeating "somebody please help me" who does not know what say when asked by the staff "what is wrong" or the ambulatory man with slight mental retardation who sits in a wheelchair across from my room occasionally staring at me. Let me not forget the at least four(4) residents that passed away in the last few weeks one(1) last night.

Major depression is a symptom of Multiple Sclerosis and living here does nothing to help my own mental health issues! Homecare for the disabled is not a political issue it is a human one and I beg you increase the funding before there are more young people living in oppressive places called Nursing Homes.

Please include 50 additional slots for the Connecticut Home Care Program for Adults with Disabilities in the FY 15 budget.

I would like to thank you again for the opportunity to address this committee.

Sincerely

Benjamin Parady