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House Bill No. 5402

Madam Chair Walker and Chair Bye, and the members of the committee,

My name is Taylor Ford. I am a resident of Bloomfield, CT and am currently an UCONN graduate student. I would like to briefly discuss House Bill No. 5402.

I support this bill as it is written. As a MSW candidate, the review and evaluation process for agencies that provide social services to residents of the state is very important to the social work profession. Using these reviews to examine the effectiveness of the programs needs to be done both internally by the individual agencies and externally by the state. There is no sense in continuing to provide a service that is ineffective to its recipients. Using this review process to determine the effects of the possible phase out or elimination of the service is most important. If the programs and services are suddenly discontinued, many more people will suffer as a result.

Each state agency that provides social services to the residents of Connecticut is too important to continuously be facing budget cuts without a full and accurate review and evaluation the programs that are utilized. We should want to continue to help those that are in need of the services they are receiving and look to improve the help that is available to residents of the state today.

Sincerely,

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