

Testimony of Kimothy Reynolds-Williams

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In Support of S.B. No. 31 Concerning Continued Delivery Of Legal Services To The Poor

Good afternoon. My name is Kimothy D. Reynolds-Williams. Thank you for allowing me to come here and share my thoughts today.

I began working with legal aid this winter when the bank that had foreclosed on the home I was renting tried to evict me. It was very important that New Haven Legal Assistance was there to help me. My attorney went to court with me and negotiated a settlement for me so that I could continue living in my home and while also giving me the possibility of purchasing the home.

New Haven Legal Assistance also helped me with an employment discrimination issue by referring me to the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunity. Legal Assistance helped me file a complaint and explained the CHRO process. Legal aid has been vital to me in seeking fair housing and workplace equality.

Individuals and families in Connecticut need this service. Without legal services many of us would simply fall through the cracks. It is important to me and many others that this funding continues in order to strengthen our communities and fight injustice.

I urge you to continue to fund legal services for those in need. Thank you.