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**Testimony for Appropriations Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly  
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H.B. No. 6824"

Dear Senator Bye, Representative Walker, and Members of the Appropriations Committee.  
My name is Kathryn Eyberse, Coordinator of Norwich Youth and Family Services.

I am writing this testimony to request that you restore funding to the Parent Trust Fund and the Community Plans for Early Childhood. The Norwich community has spent countless hours working with multiple agencies on our community plan to ensure that Norwich children will be safe, healthy and ready to learn.

We have trained parent's to be community leaders and advocates for their children. The Norwich community currently receives a total of \$80,000 for our Discovery work and our Parent Leadership programming. This grant funding leverages an additional \$83,880 dollars to provide services to Norwich families and continue the community work of Discovery. Eliminating these vital funding sources and curbing our work in mid-stride greatly impacts our data collection efforts and our RBA framework as it relates to outcomes for young children.

We know that there are significant budget issues across the state, but we would ask you to reconsider those areas where collaboration and leveraging of funds have led to success.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Eyberse  
Coordinator  
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