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Senator Bye, Representative walker, Senator Slossberg, Representative Fleischman, and members of the Secondary Education Sub-committee

This is Regarding the cuts to YSBs and is for the hearing.

My name is Lynda Stein and I agree with the statement below. Please consider our youth and their families. The impact on services will be devastating.

“The Connecticut Youth Services Association is first and foremost concerned with the devastating effects, both long term and short term, which the proposed deep budget cuts for Youth Service Bureaus will have on our youth and families. We are also deeply concerned about the impact these cuts will have on the ability of YSBs to leverage additional funding. We are further unable to rectify how the placement of YSBs under the management of the Department of Children & Families will result in greater efficiencies, cost savings, enhanced service delivery, or better outcomes in Connecticut’s communities. CYSA also fails to see evidence which supports any significant and impactful budgetary savings in the proposed budget plan.”

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