

**Testimony of Barbara Inge  
Appropriations Committee  
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Good evening senators and representatives of the Appropriations Committee. My name is Barbara Inge, I'm now a resident of Middletown, and I am currently a client of Connecticut Legal Rights Project (CLRP). Recently, I learned that CLRP's budget to provide housing representation to low income clients with psychiatric disabilities like me has been placed in jeopardy by Governor Malloy. This simply cannot and should not happen. CLRP serves as my voice at times when I cannot speak for myself. They offer critical services and work hard to make the less-fortunate heard and seen.

Within this last year, I co-owned a home with my sister in Hamden. Our relationship began to deteriorate and I felt strongly that I needed to sell the home and be on my own. With what little money I had, I gave it to a private attorney on a sliding-fee scale and he did absolutely nothing for me. Later, I contacted CLRP. My CLRP attorney treated me with respect and worked hard to request that the Judge sign the order to allow me to sell the home, which he thankfully did. Without CLRP, I wouldn't have been able to sell the home and it would have gone into foreclosure.

Please don't let the vital advocacy and representation of CLRP go down the drain. There are too many people who have needed, currently need or will need it in the future.