

The severe cuts in resources allocated for mental health services in the Governor's budget are likely to result in a disaster. I am particularly concerned about the impact of these cuts on the Connecticut Mental Health Center (CMHC ). The Center gives high quality services to hundreds of patients and has been a center of excellence in patient care, research, and teaching. This is the reason why successive Governors have funded the Center. I am, therefore, requesting the disapproval of all cuts to mental health services in Connecticut since they will deprive hundreds of patients from the services they desperately need, a scenario likely to cause many more tragedies similar to the one that took place in Newtown. The people of Connecticut deserve better.

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