

**Statement of Debbie Anderson**

**Appropriations Committee**

**March 6, 2015**

My name is Debbie Anderson. I live in Hartford. I'm very angry and concerned that our trusted legislators would think to eliminate or even reduce funds to the DMHAS Legal Services budget that directly impacts people like myself, voters who have psychiatric disabilities.

CLRP paves the way to make sure someone like me has rights. It's an essential service to help people keep their housing, prevent homelessness and institutionalization and to help erase the stigma of mental health.

Please do the right thing. Show your support for persons with psychiatric disabilities and fully fund Connecticut Legal Rights Project.