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Dear “Senator Bye, Representative Walker and Honorable Members of the Appropriation Committee”

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-Kevin McCullough

Hartford, Connecticut

**HB-06824: DMHAS Funding Cuts**

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