

Statement of Phyllis Ratliff
Health and Hospitals Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee
March 6th, 2015

Dear honorable senators and representatives of the State of Connecticut, my name is Phyllis Ratliff, and, thanks to Connecticut Legal Rights Project, I now have a new address, which is 376 East Washington Ave. Bridgeport Connecticut.

Since July 2014, my apartment in Bridgeport at Marina Village had become impossible for me to live in. The buildings were set for demolition, and I experienced numerous problems with my unit, including problems with the heat, with the hot water, and with constant harassment by my neighbors. As a result of these conditions, I was forced to live in the temporary residential program at Greater Bridgeport Mental Health Center for eight months. This program is temporary, and therefore, I was worried, that I would be kicked out with no safe place to live, if I did not find alternative housing in time. That is why I contacted CLRP.

After I contacted CLRP, they filed a reasonable accommodation on my behalf to get me a new, subsidized unit. The accommodation was for an emergency transfer, so that I would not have to wait months or even years for the new apartment. After struggling to find a place for eight months, after CLRP got involved, they secured a new unit for me in a few weeks. I am now living happily there, and I can finally move on with my life.

I am now writing you today to respectfully request that CLRP's funding being restored. If it was not for CLRP, I would now be facing possible homelessness. I am sure that there are others who in a similar position to me. If CLRP's funding gets cut, then I worry about what will happen to them. I therefore ask you to please restore CLRP's funding.

Sincerely yours,



Phyllis Ratliff