

I am a resident in the town of Woodbridge, CT. I wish to express my alarm regarding the proposed cuts to CMHC. As a clinical researcher, I can assure you that CMHC is one of the most highly regarded institutions of its kind for its remarkably productive staff who treat patients with the most advanced care possible while moving forward basic and clinical research. As Dr. Krystal's testimony will make clear, CMHC is a financial gain for the state of CT. It brings in Federal grants that come with funds for indirect funds that are used to pay for capital expenses. It pays for new employees that pay state taxes, and purchases goods and services from local vendors.

Most importantly, the tremendous wrap-around care that CMHC provides saves money by improving the mental health and quality of life of his patients, who are CT citizens. As a result, they have fewer expensive inpatient hospitalization, are less likely to go to jail and prison and have fewer emergency room visits. This care reduces intimate partner violence and domestic violence, which in the end are very costly to our state.

I urge you to reject any budget cuts to CMHC.

I am available for further comment upon request.

Sincerely,

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