

## **Testimony of Lloyd Darley**

### **UConn Health Budget**

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Good Evening,

Co-Chairs, Ranking Members, and members of the Committee. My name is Lloyd Darley. I am an extremely grateful patient of UConn Health and a resident of Bristol, CT.

I want to share with you that I am a survivor of cardiac arrest thanks to everyone in my family, the Bristol ambulance paramedics, and UConn Health.

All of these groups did their job 100 percent in the middle of the night this Nov. 6 when my heart suddenly stopped at 2:30am in my home. My sudden heart attack was caused by a narrowing of the main artery of my heart causing it to stop.

Thanks to the great care I received at UConn Health, I am alive and able to speak with you today.

If these huge funding cuts proposed are put into place, I fear that others who may need the care that I did this past November would not have the same positive outcome.

If UConn Health has to cut back on staff or services as a result of these cuts, others will not get the lifesaving care and results that I did.

That November morning, my family performed CPR on me non-stop for 5 minutes until the ambulance arrived. Bristol paramedics shocked my heart three times to restart it. While still at my home, the paramedics sent a heart attack 'STEMI Alert' to UConn Health to inform them that they were transporting me and that I was in need of immediate cardiac care. This STEMI Alert immediately activated the Emergency Department and the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at UConn

Health to be prepared to treat me -- and for on-call staff to come in from home in the middle of the night.

When I arrived to UConn Health's Emergency Department there was a whole team of emergency medicine and cardiac specialists waiting there to treat me.

I am truly thankful to the teamwork of my family, emergency services, and the doctors, nurses, and staff at UConn Health.

Please reconsider these devastating cuts proposed for UConn Health, so other heart attack patients like me can be alive to share their stories of survival.

Thanks to UConn Health, I am so lucky to be alive to see my new granddaughter and enjoy life again. Thank you for taking the time to hear my testimony.