

I am writing this letter as I can not be there to testimony. Mental Health services are so very much needed and should not be something to be cut. In the past several years it has come to CT in the news and national news as to the increased need for our children and loved ones who suffer daily with debilitating mental illnesses that take over their lives and those among them. Horrible stories, great stories of recovery and all those in between. The problems that my loved one has are changing day to day and could be minute to minute. It's heartbreaking and frustrating, confusing and infuriating. To have to face cuts in funding for mental illness is a cruel idea for all these that are suffering and those that don't. please hear this! Stop even thinking about cuts to help , housing and anything else you are thinking about cutting. Think of those you are hurting, whose lives depend on state services and those who will die without it.

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