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Testimony Submitted to the Appropriations Committee:

H.B. No. 5044: An Act Making Adjustments To State Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017.

Submitted By: Adam Tarr, Esq., Board Member, Covenant to Care for Children

Testimony

Senator Bye, Representative Walker and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee, my name is Adam Tarr, a board member of Covenant to Care for Children, Inc., a nonprofit organization providing essential goods and services to Connecticut's children who are neglected, abused and/or impoverished.

Covenant to Care for Children works to create a future where Connecticut's children have caring families and safe places to live, and all people of faith demonstrate their own personal commitment to the welfare of children.

I would like to share my concerns with House Bill 5044: An Act Making Adjustments To State Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017. In particular, I wanted to express my sincere concerns to the funding reductions in the line item for Covenant to Care. This funding reduction would threaten critical services to children and families throughout Connecticut.

Although I am not able to attend today's hearing in person, I strongly urge the Committee to consider Covenant to Care's demonstrated ability to efficiently distribute essential goods to our state's neediest children. These goods, including car seats, mattresses, and school uniforms, allow these children to stay in their homes with their families and get an education. The proposed cuts would be devastating and will certainly impact the countless children in our state who have no voice in this budget process.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, or for additional information.

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Sincerely,

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