

February 11, 2016

To Governor Dannel Malloy and the Connecticut State Legislature

I am writing to urge you to continue funding of CRIS Radio. This organization is a primary source of news, information and recreation that is otherwise not available to many vision- impaired and print-challenged residents in our state. The proposed funding cut will mean that these people will no longer have the level of accessibility to vital materials and resources that those of us without such disabilities take for granted. This would be a travesty for them and a big step backward in Connecticut's recognition of the spirit behind ADA compliancy: CRIS Radio enables our state to provide equal opportunities to a certain sector of our population.

I myself am a volunteer with Connecticut Volunteer Services for the Blind and Handicapped, Inc. an organization that produces "Talking Books" for the State Library for the Blind and Handicapped. Our organization has worked cooperatively with CRIS Radio and can attest to their reach into the lives of people of all ages.

Please, *do not cut* funding for CRIS Radio.

Thank you,

Gretchen Bishop  
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