

Testimony of Walter L. Glomb, Jr. to the Committee on Appropriations
in opposition to H.B. No. 5044 AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE
EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

February 18, 2016

Good evening members of the Committee. My name is Walter Glomb. I am a resident of Vernon. I am a parent of an adult who has Down syndrome and who currently lives with me.

I will not live forever and my son will need public assistance to live without me.

I OPPOSE H.B. No. 5044 AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, on two counts:

1. I oppose the limited budget for Community Residential Services in the Department of Social Services (formerly in the Department of Developmental Services.) This is a core obligation of our state government that has accrued a waiting list of more than two thousand (2,000) individuals who are in desperate need of public assistance. These individuals and their families were promised assistance by the state and the state has failed to keep that promise. This line item should be increased.

2. I oppose the consolidation of accounts. Our representatives in this legislature should be able to direct funds to the most efficient programs. In the Department of Developmental Services, this means directing public funds to private, non-profit, community based service providers instead of publicly owned and operated institutions – because the private, non-profit sector can serve twice as many people for the same expenditure as the public sector.

Please amend this bill to increase funding to Community Residential Services at the Department of Social Services and to retain the authority of the Connecticut General Assembly to direct appropriations to the most efficient means of serving individuals who live with intellectual disabilities.

Thank you.