

TESTIMONY OF HENRY BAIXAULI

Appropriations Committee

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My name is Henry Baixauli and I live in North Haven, Connecticut. I have a psychiatric disability and an addiction to alcohol. At the present time I am in recovery and doing very well. CLRP has represented me twice successfully. Just recently, January 19, 2016, I was faced with a conservator hearing at probate court and some of my rights were going to be taken away. When given papers by the marshal I felt the fashion was unfair and I felt hopeless and I couldn't get any answers to help my situation. Then I called CLRP and spoke to one of their paralegals. They took my case because of my income level and they were always there to answer my questions and were very supportive to me and my case. They did an in depth search of my medical record, were in touch with the providers in my case, and they pointed out facts that the State was inconsistent in favor of supporting their case. They were very professional and supportive to me. Because I was in recovery and CLRP worked hard on my side I felt assured with a low sense of anxiety and I felt hopeful again. I felt that I was represented in the best way possible. On January 19, 2016 we received a favorable decision. I am managing my life well today. I feel that funding for CLRP is very important for people with psychiatric disabilities who are of low income along with all the other issues they may have.

Thank you.