

Statement of Anthony Corigliano
Appropriations Committee
February 18, 2016

My name is Anthony Corigliano and I live in Ridgefield. Unfortunately I was not able to appear in person tonight.

I am thirty seven years old and suffer from mental & physical disabilities. For the last 12 years I have lived in the same apartment. At this time I'm facing a possible eviction due to my mental illness.

I am unable to adequately defend myself and am anxious about the possibility of losing my home. Due to the severity of my physical and mental limitations, my sole source of income is my disability check and I cannot afford a private attorney.

CLRP was recommended to me. I meet with Attorney Cessna and paralegal Wendy. My rights were explained and immediately I felt a huge relief that I was not alone. Attorney Cessna continues to work diligently on my behalf trying to resolve this matter. A request for "Reasonable Accommodations" is in process; something I would not have known about on my own.

I sincerely believe that without the impact from CLRP'S services I would be homeless now. Attorney Cessna has always treated me with respect, and her professionalism has been above and beyond my expectations.

Please keep CLRP funded so that they can continue to provide the vital services, not just to help me, but for the many others who are in such great need and who will have nowhere else to turn if CLRP is not there.