

Testimony of Frankie Green

Good evening honorable Senators and Congressman, My name is Frankie Green, and my address is 66B Main Street, Ansonia Connecticut.

If it were not for Connecticut Legal Right's Project, there is a chance that I would now be homeless. Two years ago, I applied to the Norwalk Housing Authority for a Section 8 voucher. I received the voucher, however, the voucher was only good for a short amount of time, and in that time, I needed to find housing, or the voucher would be lost. If the voucher was lost, I would have to reapply and wait for a long time, maybe years, to get a new one, and in the meantime, I would not have been able to continuing living where I currently was because it was too expensive. I was having trouble finding housing in time, so I contacted CLRP.

The first thing CLRP did was file a reasonable accommodation request to get me extra time to find new housing. I then found a place in my former hometown of Ansonia, Connecticut, just as the voucher was about to expire, and the Ansonia Housing Authority told me that they would accept my voucher and that I could live there. But then, at the last minute, they revoked their offer, and CLRP requested an immediate informal hearing with the Ansonia Housing Authority. At the hearing CLRP advocated for me to be allowed to port my voucher to Ansonia.

We won the hearing and I was so relieved. It was a huge burden off my back to know that I would have a roof over my head, and that I could get on with the rest of my life. I am still living in the same apartment in Ansonia, and I like it there very much. CLRP is a group that gets justice for their clients every time. I myself, Frankie Green, was helped with getting housing and winning my case.

If CLRP loses it's funding, I worry that if someone else has a problem similar to mine, that they will have no one to advocate for them, and that they may end up homeless. That is why I respectfully ask today that you do not cut CLRP's funding.

Thank you very much for your time, and for listening to my story.