

Testimony of Jacob Scatton

Appropriations Committee

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Good evening Connecticut Legislators and Senators and to whom else this may concern:

My name is Jacob Scatton and I live in Avon. Connecticut Legal Rights Project met with me early 2015, a year ago, to assist me with a housing case. Due to their amazing work, I was able to obtain affordable housing and continue on with my life without the major disruption of homelessness. This is actually my second time testifying before you- I have accomplished a great deal in the year that has passed since the first time.

The stability that came with knowing I had a warm and safe place of my own allowed me to focus on more important things. I am currently working on furthering my education. I am proud to say that I recently completed four courses at a community college in Farmington, Connecticut, earning good grades in each class. The pursuit of this dream would not have been possible without the services offered by CLRP.

In addition to earning 27 college credits and continuing to work toward earning my degree, I have also relocated in the past year to a beautiful New

England town in the northwestern area of the state. In addition to testifying before the legislature, successfully returning to college, and moving to my ideal apartment, I have also recently accepted a job, which I will work on a part time basis as I continue to pursue my degree.

It is amazing what a difference a year- and a safe, warm, affordable place to call home- can make! I pray and hope that others may continue to have the opportunity to turn to CLRP to receive the help and support as I once did so that others can discover their own potential. CLRP's work led me down a productive and rewarding path and it will do the same for others if you allow it. Please do not take funding away from this organization.