

Testimony before the Appropriations Committee

H.B. 5044 AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

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Good afternoon Senator Bye, Representative Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee.

My name is Kenneth McMullin Jr. and I am a registered voter in the City of Hartford.

I am here to testify on H.B. 5044 AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017.

I am opposed to any proposed cuts to the DMHAS and any mental health services and supports.

I am opposed to the following:

Carrying forward the \$17 million in cuts from fiscal year 2016.

Any grant reduction for mental health and substance abuse services.

Any funding cut to Community Care Teams.

Any cut or elimination of the Regional Mental Health Boards and Regional Action Councils.

The consolidation of the operating funds of any agency into one-line item.

I urge you to keep crucial services available to the residents of Connecticut.

I have been a member of the Chrysalis Center REC for 14 years. I now lead a Diabetes Support group that I received books through grant from the North Central Regional Mental Health Board. I also run a Men's group, a gardening group and lead the bicycle group and softball. I like coming here because it gives me a place to go where I am surrounded by people who have the same illnesses as I have.

Thank you for your attention to these important services and supports.