

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
H.B. No. 5044 An Act Making Adjustments to State Expenditures for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017
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Good evening Senator Bye, Representative Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee.

My Name is Alan Coker

I live in East Hartford. I'm a Recovery Support Specialist

I'm a Board Member at InterCommunity and I'm also a person in recovery.

It is critical to protect DMHAS FUNDS. Through services I've received from InterCommunity Mental Health services and they linking me to additional services through the DMHAS wise program I have what you can say restoration to active life self worth.

In the past year I've been a Job coach for young adults with disabilities. I took the first training in state designed for mental health first aid for older adults. How did this happen DHMAS The services provided and funded paved the way for me.

You know I keep hearing how our Governor wants to set up a bill which funds for transportation can't be tampered with. I wish he would have one to stop tampering with mental health services. Hey let's have a fast track for mental health? Its critical its necessary please no cuts to DHMAS .

Thank you for your time

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