

Testimony before the Appropriations Committee
H.B. No. 5044 - An Act Making Adjustments to State Expenditures for the FY 17
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Good evening Senator Bye, Representative Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee. My name is Sherice Byrd and I am a registered voter in New Haven CT. I am here to testify on HB No. 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 have received services from grants for substance abuse services and as a result I have been drug free for 5 years. I have also received services from Home and Community Based Services and as a result my family is intact. I have received services from Housing Support Services and am in a two bedroom apartment with my children. These services have allowed me to become a productive member of society. Now I am employed and working in the Human Services field thanks to Employment Opportunities Grants. Thank you.