

February 17, 2016

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My name is Edina Brownlow. I appreciate you giving me and others the chance to speak before you. I am pleading with you not to cut funding from DMHAS and or any other mental health services in our state. I am a proud person in recover, who receives services from Wheeler Clinic. Wheeler has helped me in so many ways in my life and recovery in general. They believe in me and support me in so many ways. I have dealt with mental health issues pretty much all my life and it would not be beneficial for our state to make these cuts. Many people in recovery would be effected in this decision. A lot of people will have no place to go for treatment. I am not just writing this for myself, but for all my peers in the state. We need these services! Please don't shut the door on people in recovery whom are trying to make their lives better. We never asked for mental illness or other barriers in our lives, but we are asking for you not to give up on us!

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