

Appropriations Committee  
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Testimony of Michael Cluney

I am Michael Cluney and I live in Storrs Mansfield, Connecticut. I am testifying on behalf of legal aid funding. I experienced a divorce last year and requested legal help at a time when I was feeling very anxious and unsure of my future. My attorney was wonderful. She carefully listened to everything I had to say and calmed me down. She helped me understand everything about the proceedings. She was respectful and her communication skills enabled me to understand the whole process item by item. With her support and advice, I was able to locate senior housing. I was able to handle the divorce respectfully with full understanding. My quality of life has been impacted in a very positive way by her wonderful help. I am currently very happy living in senior housing. I could not have done this without the help from legal aid.

Thank you for the chance to speak to you today.