

**(CLIENT NAME)**  
**March 18, 2016**  
**Testimony before the Judiciary Committee**  
**IN FAVOR OF SB 428**  
**Re Funding for Legal Aid**

Senator Coleman, Representative Tong, Senator Kissel,  
Representative Rebimbas and members of the Appropriations  
Committee.

My name is Jenny Matthews.

I work full time/part-time at Full time at Gallery Salon and am  
raising my 1 child by myself.

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I am disabled and have income from \_\_\_\_\_.

I came to Greater Hartford Legal Aid because (e.g. needed:  
protection from domestic violence; help keeping my home for  
myself and children; low income, with extensive medical issues  
and use Food Stamps; needed help getting safe and adequate  
housing; needed help keeping my job; needed help getting  
appropriate educational services for my child)

My GHLA attorney helped me by gaining sole custody.

If I didn't have Legal Aid....I would not have the ability or wherewithal to keep my child and myself safe.

Please support increased legal aid funding because it is essential to the lives of families and their safety.

Thank you. *Jenny Matthews* 860-214-6618