Testimony before the Appropriations Committee

March 1, 2019

HB 7148: AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENIUM ENDING JUNE 13, 2021 AND MAKING APPORATIONS THERFOR.

Valerie Conyers

Good Evening Senator Osten, Rep. Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee:

My name is Valerie Conyers and I have been a member of the Independence Center for a long time. I love attending and have been working on goals to take care of myself on a daily basis.

Please take us into consideration and do not cut the DMHAS budget. We need a lot in Waterbury and the Center helps us to maintain and grow and learn a lot.

We hope that you want people with mental health conditions to succeed in their goals. How can we succeed if you take away the services?

Please look at other ways to fix the budget and let us have our budget for mental health services.

Please think about us when you consider where to shave off money for another part of the budget. We need our services and need a place to go.

God Bless you in making all of the right decisions you are about to make.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Conyers