

Testimony for Public Hearing
Mental Health Committee
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My name is Manuel Sandoval, and as a person who was forced into an out treatment program. I am in opposition of the forced outpatient treatment and in favor of peer to peer related services.

I ask this committee, "Was it not this country that just nearly three years ago, was all but in a complete uproar over the then proposed Obama Care?" "Was it not the residents of this state as well as other states that were saying that it was a violation of our Constitutional Rights?" "That we should not be forced to have health care."

Now This was a law that was beneficial to most Americans, if not all. A law that was made to help each and every one of us.

However, many of the people did not believe that, and wanted it completely abolished. They believe it to be a complete violation of our Constitutional Rights.

Now I ask you, "What can be more of a bigger violation of Our, Your, My Constitutional Rights, than to have someone forcibly medicate you, me, and us the United States Citizens?"

I say you, me, us, because not one person here in this room or this entire state can foresee the future. We know not what tomorrow may bring for tomorrow is not promised to anyone. Anyone of us can be sickened by a mental illness. If this law is passed any one of us can be forced into an outpatient treatment plan against our will. Now that, that is by all means a violation of our god given, fore father provided Constitutional Right.

I ask you the committee, "Do not we as Connecticut resident have a constitutionally protected liberty interest against the forced injection or submission of medication into a non-consenting person's body." as referenced in Harper 494 U.S at 229 110 S.Ct at 1041 or Riggins v. U.S.

If the Supreme Court found just cause to say that the inmates in those two cases cited have a Constitutionally Protected Liberty Interest to be free of forced Medication Do we not also have those rights?

In conclusion I Manuel Sandoval is opposed to the bill proposed and asks you the committee to please be opposed as well.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to be heard.

Sincerely,

Manuel Sandoval