

BILL 5005 PUBLIC TESTIMONY  
CONNECTIUT STATE AGENCY BUDGET PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS  
Appropriations Committee Public Hearing on Tuesday February 11 at 5pm in Room 2c

To the 2020 Appropriations Committee:

I'm writing in reference to funding decisions on Bill 5005. In particular I'm counting on the committee to continue the funding the Music Haven program in the New Haven area.

I have been a faculty member at Music Haven and a resident of New Haven since 2013. This program not only provides unique long-term mentoring for students in underserved areas, it also provides full-time employment for musicians like myself, and provides incentives for us to stay in the area and contribute to the New Haven economy.

As I'm sure other testimonies will demonstrate, Music Haven provides an incredible opportunity to make a difference in the lives and futures of young musicians and their communities. I'm counting on the committee to continue funding for the program in this bill.

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