

**State of Connecticut Appropriations Committee**

**February 13, 2020**

***Testimony by Student Joshua Robinson, Senior  
American School for the Deaf***

Good afternoon. I apologize that I am not able to present my testimony in person. However, I am requesting your continued financial support of the American School for the Deaf.

ASD needs financial support to assist students in making a smooth transition from school into the real world. Funding from the State supports our academics, which equips us with the knowledge to be successful throughout our lives.

Funding also supports our transition services staff who work with students to set a plan for after graduation. As a Senior, I am uncertain about what life will bring for me, but I know that I want to follow my dreams. I must be prepared and knowledgeable about accessibility in the workplace, and know how to advocate for my rights throughout my life. Students must be taught about the resources available to assist us and the process for scheduling interpreters. Our teachers prepare us with this information, and I will forever be thankful for the American School for the Deaf.

Please continue to support ASD!