

## Appropriations Committee Talking Points

### Public Hearing on:

### H.B. 5005 An Act Adjusting The State Budget For The Biennium Ending June 30, 2021

Good afternoon Senator Osten, Representative Walker, Senator Formica, Representative Lavielle and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee:

I am Charlie Sherman, IHS Resident served by STAR INC., in Norwalk. I am on STAR's Board of Directors and I am the President of the STAR SELF ADVOCATES.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 5005 An Act Adjusting The State Budget For The Biennium Ending June 30, 2021,

I need staff. Staff come and go so often I cannot even name all the staff I have had last year.

My staff help me:

Grocery Shop

Do Laundry and clean my apartment

Budget my money

Make sure I have the right medication and that I take it (even when I don't want to)

Staff make sure I get to MD appts and that I am as healthy as I can be (I still eat junk food)

Get together with my Girlfriend of about 30 years.

I take the train to work but my staff help me make sure I have money to pay the conductor.

I have a job coach who makes sure I am doing a good job.

When I have staff they help me with my problems.

Well I just want to say, I need staff.

I have a job at Whole foods and collect carts.

I make \$15.60 per hour, my staff make \$14.75.

Please help me by helping them.