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Senator Osten, Representative Walker, and Honorable Members of the Appropriations Committee.

My name is Gustavo Angarita and I am an Addictions Psychiatrist.

The main purpose of this brief written testimony is to express my gratitude for your support of the needs of persons suffering from mental and substance use disorders.

In my capacity as Inpatient Chief of the Clinical Neuroscience Research Unit (CNRU) and Medical Director of the Forensic Drug Diversion (ForDD) Clinic of the Connecticut Mental Health Center (CMHC), it is clear how your contributions and support are allowing us to offer lifesaving medication assisted treatment to many persons suffering from opioid use disorder (i.e., a service of remarkable public health impact in the midst of current epidemic), to test better medications for different neuropsychiatric disorders, and to train the future leaders in the field of psychiatry.

Thank you for the positive influence that you are having on what we at CMHC can offer to Connecticut.