

Testimony in response to the Governor's proposed budget: HB-06439

February 17, 2021

Appropriations Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 2700
Hartford, CT 06106

To the Appropriations Committee,

It has come to my attention that Music Haven's funding has not been put into the budget. I urge you to apply the promised funds to their budget for this year and the years to come.

Music Haven is a needed program in the city of New Haven. Not only do they provide excellent music education for my daughter, but they also provide emotional and academic support to their students. These resources are especially needed during ever-changing and difficult times like the one that we are living in right now amidst the coronavirus pandemic.

Over the last two years I have seen my daughter build confidence in her performances which seemed to translate to higher confidence in her class participation at school. She is a high honors 8th grade student. She hopes to continue her studies with the viola throughout high school with tutelage from Music Haven. We would love to see the governor's budgeting support her aspirations.

Again, please do not forget about Music Haven and put the Music Haven funding in the budget as Committee Chair Toni Walker assured it would be. <https://www.newhavenarts.org/arts-paper/articles/arts-army-rallies-to-keep-music-haven-in-state-budget>.

Respectfully,

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