

Dear members of the Appropriations Committee. This is part of my testimony in support of the Governor's budget which preserves and expands funding for the Homeless Youth Line item. Before entering the program, I was in a bad place, i had nothing. the connection program helped me so much i was able to get a stable home of my own, help with any assistance i needed, the connection helped me learn how to be the adult i am today by saving money, paying my bills on time etc, during my time in the program i became a certified medical billing & coder, i achieved my driver's license with the help of the connection program. this program helped me so much & I'm grateful for everything they have given me. Thank you very much for your time in considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

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