

HB-06439: Testimony in support of Music Haven

February 19, 2021

Connecticut General Assembly
Appropriations Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 2700
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Co-Chair Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee,

It has recently come to my attention that the \$100,000 allocation for Music Haven was omitted from the proposed 2022-2023 budget through House Bill 06439. I urge you to correct this error and continue our state's support of this excellent organization. Music Haven provides a necessary service for families in and around New Haven by granting a musical education for their children and spreading a love for the Arts that has unfortunately been dwindled by the pandemic. As a student of both music and STEM, I have first-hand experience in understanding the need for balance in our education, where creativity in the arts breeds greater innovation from the sciences. Music Haven helps ensure this balance, especially for children who are most at risk of being left behind.

I have also been made aware that this omission [similarly occurred last year](#) after which you assured Music Haven that it would not happen again. I am disappointed in this lack of continuity and encourage you all to ensure that Music Haven's \$100,000 allocation will be better maintained going forward.

Sincerely,

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