

Testimony of Carrieann Quaranta Before the Appropriations Committee of the Connecticut Legislature
On Behalf of the Connecticut Fair Housing Center

Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to express my support for the Connecticut Fair Housing Center. My name is Carrieann Quaranta, and I'm here to ask you to support the Governor's funding request for the Connecticut Fair Housing Center.

My husband, myself, and our twin boys live with my father Florencio Saez in his home. We moved in to take care of my father who is elderly and a double amputee. When we met Attorney Loraine Martinez Bellamy of the CT Fair Housing Center in 2019, we had been fighting with Wells Fargo for years to approve us for a loan modification that we believed we qualified for and could afford, and that would allow us to keep our home and come current.

Attorney Martinez helped us appeal a loan modification denial and understand what other options we had if Wells Fargo didn't offer a modification. She referred us to the BlueHub Capital SUN Program, a program that would provide a more affordable monthly mortgage payment through a refinancing of our mortgage at fair market value.

Attorney Martinez also helped us get more time from the court to pursue the SUN program and other potential solutions to our foreclosure.

We have lived in fear of foreclosure for years despite having complied with each of our mortgage company's requests and trying our best to find an alternate solution when they failed to provide one.

Attorney Martinez, has been so helpful, caring, and our ultimate guide throughout this very confusing process. Without her help we may have lost our home right before the pandemic hit.

I am so grateful for the Connecticut Fair Housing Center's assistance and ask that you continue to support the Center.