

Testimony before the Appropriations Committee
March 2, 2021
DMHAS BUDGET HEARING
H.B. No. 6439, AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM
ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR
Jennifer Low

Hello Senator Osten, Representative Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee.

My name is Jennifer Low, and I am a registered voter in the city of Bridgeport.

I am here to testify regarding the budget for the next fiscal year for the Department of mental Health and Addiction Services, **H.B. No. 6439, An Act Concerning the State Budget for The Biennium Ending June 30, 2023 And Making Appropriations Therefore.**

I am a person who has had a mental health condition all of my life. I have been receiving help from a program called Bridge House in Bridgeport. Bridge House gives a lot of help to people like me. They have helped me deal with my stress by using coping skills. That has helped me to be a happy and independent person. I have someplace to go where I am with other people who don't judge me. They love me and treat me like family. I also keep busy there, doing work and activities that I love doing. I feel like I belong—every time I go there.

I am asking that funding for the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services be increased and not reduced.

Thank you very much for taking the time to allow me to give my testimony.