

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
David Steven Waggner

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

My name is David Steven Walker 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 (DMHAS), **H.B. No. 6439, An Act Concerning the State Budget for The Biennium Ending June 30, 2023 And Making Appropriations Therefore.**

Bridge House has had a positive impact on my life by giving me an outlet to satisfy my desire to be helpful and contribute to meaningful work. At Bridge House, I work with staff and other members in our culinary unit to prepare and serve food to our members.

Bridge House is a place where staff are professionally experienced. Everyone at Bridge House is friendly, cheerful, and interested in me as a person. Bridge House is a very important social outlet for me. This is why I respectfully ask that you increase funding in the DMHAS budget since it is so important to me and all of the Bridge House members.

Thank you for your valuable time.

David Waggner