

TESTIMONY OF Scott Friedman
Appropriations Committee
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Senator Osten, Representative Walker, and members of the Appropriations Committee. My name is Scott Friedman. I live in North Haven, and I am a supporter of the Diaper Bank of Connecticut, which serves families throughout the state. I am writing to urge you to restore the \$168K in funding that was cut from Governor Lamont's budget proposal.

Diapers are a basic human need for every baby and toddler, and they are vital to the physical, emotional, and economic well-being of children and their families. Prior to the pandemic, one in three Connecticut families struggled to afford an adequate supply of diapers; now the need is at an all-time high.

As a father of a young child, I was fortunate enough to have no problems changing every diaper that needed to be changed, and yet I still saw challenges with diaper rash. I thankfully never had to choose between changing a diaper and feeding my family, or my child.

I strongly urge the members of the Appropriations Committee to restore state funding for The Diaper Bank of Connecticut because all Connecticut families deserve access to these basic human needs.

Yours,
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