

**Testimony Regarding H.B. 6439 An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium
Ending June Thirtieth 2023 and Making Appropriations Therefor
Evelyn Gorsline-Flamm. MPH
Appropriations Committee March 3, 2021**

**Senator Osten, Representative Walker, Representative Dathan, Representative Nolan, and
esteemed members of the Appropriations Committee**

My name is Evelyn Gorsline -Flamm and I am Program Manager of The Diaper Bank of Connecticut, a statewide nonprofit providing diapers, youth and senior incontinence products and period supplies to families in need in Connecticut.

I am extremely concerned about the governor's proposed budget that would cut our funding in half. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Every day at work, I receive calls from families in desperate need of diapers and other health and hygiene products. Calls are from all over our state, from young moms and dads, grandparents and other primary caregivers who can't afford diapers. Calls are from individuals who are already hit hard by the economic, social and emotional impact of this pandemic.

We have strategic partnerships throughout the state, and efficiently and effectively work together to distribute diapers and ensure access to those who need them the most.

I urge you to please speak out against the proposed budget cut to The Diaper Bank of Connecticut, and to restore full funding.

We want to continue our important work to ensure that families don't struggle to afford these basic human needs.

Thank you for your consideration, and all your work to improve the lives of our most vulnerable population.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Gorsline-Flamm