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Appropriations Committee
CT General Assembly
210 Capitol Ave
Hartford, CT 06106

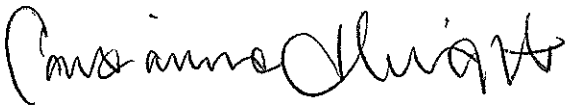
Dear Appropriations Committee,

My name is Nina Bates-Dwight and I live in a residential women's house in Willimantic, CT. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 6439, An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June Thirtieth, 2023, and Making Appropriations Therefor. **I respectfully request the legislature increase funding by $461 Million over five years for community nonprofits.**

I feel there is not enough money for clinical therapy. As is work-books and more groups that involve our addiction. Talking about our addiction doesn't always make us want to use, but is a good way to process and get through our addiction. Also, funding for extra-curricular activities would be good. Things we could do that is fun. Sobriety is not just sitting around doing groups. Sobriety has to have a fun side to it as well. We could be more active with more funding.

I strongly hope that the Appropriations Committee will support the requested $461 million increase so that our non-profit services can continue to support our community. Without these services, I would relapse and be on the street.

Respectfully,



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