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Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 4:38 PM
To: Town Council Group; Naomi Rodriguez
Subject: Youth Services

Dear Chairperson Rodriquez,

I am writing this letter to request the Town not remove youth service from Social Services.

I understand that the Board of Education has established a School Based Health Program and it is a welcome addition to support town youth. Unfortunately, this program does not provide service during summer vacation and school holidays, nor does it provide family services.

The town has a responsibility to provide services to youth and their families. Most towns in CT see town services for youth as a part of a continuum of care and even more so needed now with depression, suicide and substance abuse issues on the rise. It is not prudent for the town to abandon its youth.

Both my wife and I have worked in the mental health field and are aware that there are families who would rather seek services from the town instead of the school or other community providers.

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Thank You
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