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On Behalf Of: Working Theory Farm

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Education

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Dear legislators,

The Youth Development Division has provided essential funds over the last two years for organizations re-engaging youth in our community. Covid-19 has disproportionately impacted youth based on race, class, and other factors, and we must invest in creative alternatives to reach youth who are slipping through the cracks in their schools. As the justice-impacted youth we work with say, "when I'm bored I get into trouble." Let's continue to invest in providing employment and mentorship for these young people rather than invest in criminalizing them down the line.

Thank you for your attention,
Henney Sullivan