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The DMHAS hearing before the [Appropriations Committee](#) will be held on **March 1, 2019** in Room 2C of the Legislative Office Building (LOB). The Committee will be hearing testimony on the budget as described in [HB 7148: AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH, 2021, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR](#). DMHAS will provide testimony at 2:30 P.M. that day.

Public testimony will be heard beginning at 5:30 P.M. on the same day. The order of public speakers will be determined by a lottery system. Lottery numbers will be drawn from 9:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. in the LOB First Floor Atrium and from 10:15 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. in Room 2700. Speakers arriving after the completion of the lottery will have their names placed at the end of the speaker list.

The list of speakers registered through the lottery system will be posted outside of Room 2C at least one hour prior to the start of the public hearing. The Committee will provide a separate sign-up sheet for persons with special needs. Those speakers will be registered on a specialized list on a first-come first-served basis. The Committee Chairs will alternate speakers between the specialized list and the standard list until the specialized list has been exhausted. Room 2B will be reserved for individuals with special needs as a quiet space while waiting to testify.

Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. Please submit written testimony electronically to [APPtestimony@cga.ct.gov](mailto:APPtestimony@cga.ct.gov) or provide 30 copies of written testimony at the time of sign-up, but not later than 2:00 P.M. Testimony received after the designated time may not be distributed until after the hearing.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of the information contained in the legislative updates. I can be reached at (860) 418-6839 or [mary.mason@ct.gov](mailto:mary.mason@ct.gov). During session, you may want to try to reach me on my cell phone at (860) 985-2120, since I am often at the Capitol and away from my desk phone.