

**Forum on**  
***“Transforming Lives by Enhancing Drug Prevention,  
Treatment and Creating Alternative Pathways in the  
Adjudication Process”***

**STATEMENT OF JIM COSTELLO**  
**SUBSTANCE ABUSE SURVIVOR**

I was one that God gave new life and hope in the drug program HRDI at Cook County jail. It saved my life and God wants these programs available because it's a lot of peoples' last opportunity. I know it was mine. But God has given me a miracle gift of saving grace and a brand new life right in incarceration. But I know that it was the beginning of the truth for me. It's a wonderful program and most definitely helps save lives. It would be a huge mistake to stop funding this program or anyone else like it. New lives have been built and families have been brought back together as a result.

So I will do whatever is necessary to testify and witness to the importance of programs like these and even ask that new ones begin. What better way to spend money, truly helping give a lost soul a chance at new life. Please keep fighting the good fight of faith and fighting for these lost souls. God bless you and may the peace of God, which passes all understanding guard your heart and mind through Christ Jesus.