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To the Correction Advisory Committee.

The purpose of this letter, is to personally share my opinion and experience regarding the ombudsman of the Connecticut Department of Corrections. As we all know, Our governor meet his statutory obligation when he appointed Mr. Devaughn Ward. He appointed someone who truly represents the genuine interest of all the incarcerated people in Connecticut. At the beginning of his term, I thought it would be hard to locate Mr. Ward in addressing him about the lack of consistency with my healthcare treatment, but I was wrong. In fact, my attempt to locate him was easily accommodated by my staff here at York. During my first interaction with Mr. Ward, he fostered humanity when I expressed to him my mental and physical hardships I face on a daily base that had fallen on deaf ears to others.

Mr. Ward directly demonstrated his willingness to explore the issue and communicate them with me effectively in a respectful and confidential manner. He prioritized in assisting me in resolving my overall health concerns as he immediately requested all my records from the records department at York right after our communication ended over the phone. A man with such prestigious background but yet prioritizes justice and fairness for our incarcerated comrades.

An ombudsman that champions those who voices their rights to dignity and humanity. He maintained back and forth communication with me to ensure that all my medical needs we're met and resolved and has also shown social responsibility. His performance as an ombudsman is stupendous. I truly support his ethical performance as a professional, with an independent mindset who gets right to action when fighting for those who aren't able to fight or express their rights to effective and adequate treatment. His strong leadership has served a good role as an ombudsman and he has gained my trust because I have observed his unconditional relationship to advocacy and justice.

Thank you for allowing me today to share my experience with the new appointed ombudsman.

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