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Testimony:

To all those gathered here today, I want to thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to hear the pleas of all of us behind these walls. Some forgotten and others mostly loved.

I write this with hopes of it falling upon ears that actually hear with the purpose and intent to change the current problems with positive results.

My first complaint is about the medical or the lack thereof. Medical requests take too long to be heard whether the requester is in pain or not. This includes dental as well. The efficiency within medical since the D.O.C. took it over has greatly deteriorated over the years.

Also if an individual has something that a particular medical facility can't handle, like high blood pressure, cholesterol, or diabetes, the inmate in question would be transferred to one of three 'Medical facilities': McDougal, if you are a level 4, or Osborn or Carl Robinson if you are a level 3 or 2. The latter two facilities are considered to be punitive to the inmate population due to their' living conditions. If you suffer from certain conditions that tend to be genetic you end up in a chaotic living arrangement and the D.O.C. knows this. That fact dissuades inmates from reporting possibly serious concerns, due to fear of being transferred to one of those facilities.

Also I wanted to touch upon the community release issue that's plaguing the prison population.

For inmates who have been incarcerated for a decade or longer....those that have been approved for halfway houses are waiting longer for placement than say someone who has been incarcerated for let's say 3yrs. Whereas the need for that particular inmate to acclimate himself back into society would be a lot easier as opposed to someone who's been incarcerated for a decade or more. Things have suddenly changed over the past year or two on this issue and it's very perplexing to all of the inmates who are set to return home to their loved ones after a few decades behind these walls.

Also of note. All dorms throughout the state of Connecticut D.O.C. are experiencing an infestation of spiders. Some of them are incredibly large. There is a need for pest control for that at least twice a year to avoid inmates from being bitten while asleep.

Also of note, as most already know, the cost of living within D.O.C. of this State is unattainable for most. Before back in the '90's inmates' families who bear the burden of helping their loved ones sustain themselves in prison were able to drop off clothing packages at the prison. I propose that the families mail in clothing packages via amazon or another alternative to avoid contraband being an issue for the facilities within the state. This would offset the burden of the costs that families have to endure and avoid D.O.C. from profiting off the backs of the lower income families within the state which they continue to still do for some reason?

If we're here to talk about pertinent issues involving the offenders in this state these are the ones that are most discussed among offenders outside of state regulations.

I thank for your time and hope and pray that these issues are resolved sooner rather than later.

Sincerely,

Lost in time and the struggle