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Dear,
Committee

I was in a GED school classroom at Cheshire C.I. and became aware of unacademic negotiations taking place right in front of me. Staff members are doing illegal things. I truly believe that if I had the right amount of money, I could buy ANYTHING at the facility. There is drug sales and other so-called "Secret" business going on at many of the state facilities. I observed that there isn't any effective measure in place to combat staff corruption and drug sales and use. Special illegal privileges are given to certain "Lifer" inmates. I believe that these special accommodations range from drugs to prostitution! I have been told that some female staff have engaged in sexual acts on prison grounds.

I observed that a culture of drug use and illicit business is one of the biggest secrets in these facilities. These facilities are simply not safe! I believe that these illegal acts are a part of an organized form of business operating under the capacity of the CT Dept. of Corrections. Again, I end with my favorite phrase, which describes the culture in many of the facilities:

"If I had the right amount of MONEY, I could buy ANYTHING."

I have in the past been called "Snitch" by certain inmates and staff. I do know that this information is highly sensitive to some people, but the need for serious reform is necessary.