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To Whom It May Concern,

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I am writing regarding the conditions of confinement at York Correctional Institution for the Correctional Advisory Committee public hearing that is being held on January 29th, 2026 as I just saw the information on my tablet, so I hope this is received in time.

I have been incarcerated ongoing since January 28th 2025 due to my own negative choices which led me to break the law and I have taken responsibility for my actions, finally being sentenced on January 6th 2026. Although I do deserve to be punished for the crimes I committed there are some serious concerns I have regarding how things are conducted at York CI womens Prison.

- 1) A big concern/issue all year round but especially in the summer is being completely locked down due to "short staff". This causes us to be locked in our cell either 1st shift or 2nd shift or sometimes all day making it difficult or not possible to even shower, we don't get to come out for rec-time, therefore cannot use the phones, lose visits that were pre-scheduled, any groups, meetings, appointments such as legal calls, church, N/A, Tier 1 or 2, Bible Study all are cancelled because they say we are short staffed. Almost every Saturday and Sunday during the summer we were locked in our cell for half or all day.

- 2) Another Concern/Issue is that the staff will not turn the phones on during rec time if all doors are not shut/secured they tell us what cell doors are not secure and expect us as inmates to go around asking/telling other inmates to please secure their door so we can have use of the phones, which could lead to arguments/fights which is not part of an inmates duty as it also does not state ANYWHERE in the handbook that all doors must be secured before the phones will be turned on.
- 3) Another Concern/Issue is that whether it be morning or night rec time, most staff will NOT pop you out of your cell to get you medication when med-line is on your tier. They expect us to come out at the beginning of rec time and sit at there for hours until med line arrives, does the other Tiers then gets to ours. I personally have anxiety & depression issues that make it very uncomfortable for me to sit on the tier with 23 other inmates just so I can be "allowed" to receive my medications which I will also add are Mandatory because of my history with seizures. I would be very easy to just do a Tier group cell door unlock when med-line is on our Tier or not deny popping my cell when I buzz the intercom asking to go get med-line.

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Now there are many other concerns/issues going on here at York CI such as the disgusting probably very unhealthy slop food we receive on a daily basis, or how certain staff degrades females such as myself for having no teeth (which is actually due to a health condition I have no control over) or swearing at us, ignoring us or just down right telling us we are and never will amount to anything good or important in this world. But those concerns compared to the 3 main issues going on I can tolerate.

I want to thank you for allowing us as inmates to express our concerns for you to review and possibly address as I know you must be extremely busy with other matters you have to attend to on a regular basis. If I could possibly get any feedback from you I would greatly appreciate it. Thank you so much

Sincerely,
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