

To all who it may concern on the Correction Advisory Committee,

My name is Master Rashid #433991. I'm writing from Cheshire Correctional Institution in Connecticut. I've been in the state of Connecticut DOC since February 6, 2020, I'm an offender from the state of Virginia DOC sent to your state under the Interstate Compact Agreement Transfer Program. I'm an offender that was transfer because I've successfully challenged the conditions of confinement in my prison system. I'm now doing in this state making an attempt to do the same. I've been incarcerated in New York for fifteen ( 15 ) years where I had to grow up fast as ain't no one going to hold your hands in the prison yards I've lived on. I've seen guys have officers shoot them down from a tower because they didn't move fast enough. Or they officers took bets on a knife fight between two prisoners. I've seen guys hang their self as the pressure of confinement is hard. In my controlling state which is Virginia I've been shot with High Compression Rifles multiple times, I've had dogs attack me while I did nothing but comply with orders given by Correction's officers. I've had officers spit , put chewing tabbacco, crush glass, dog feces in my food. I've had officers physically assault me for talk back to them. Though nothing could prepare me for the challenges that I would have to go through in Connecticut DOC. I've been in multiple facilities within the Connecticut DOC each trampling the Constitutional Rights of those that are suppose to be in their custody for reform / Corrections. Since my stay at Cheshire CI, I've been exposed to some of the worse treatment from Correctional staff, Medical department, Mental health directors and Psychologist. They see the mistreatment that is going on and do nothing but stand by and allow offenders to be physically and mentally abused . I've beoen exposed to Black mold which is everywhere in this prison. The prison officials are very much aware of the black mold spores that the offenders are breathing in. There have been some litigation that have come out of conditions of confinement here at Cheshire CI. Though the issue isn't being addressed the prison don't give the workers bleach clean with. Nor are outside contractor hired to clean the Shower area workers with are put in harms way as they don't even know that they are dealing with black mold or the dangers of doing so. They aren't given protective gear and if they refuse to work they have a liberty issues as they want to go home stay out of segregation and make some type of income. They are conducting strip search and officers are making offenders bent at the waist and spread their buttocks without a supervisor present. There have also been incidents here inwhich officers have stuck their fingers in an offender's rectum. They are keeping offenders on High Security status to deny us contact visiting from family and friends. Though we ( I ) haven't done anything to be considered an immediate or eminent threat to the safety of the prison, security , staff or other offenders. I haven't had a disciplinary report written against me in over fifteen ( 15 ) months. Though before coming to this state I hadn't had a disciplinary report written against me in over six ( 6 ) years. Though as soon as I complain about the treatment I've been receiving and not receiving I've been place on High Security status put in segregation multiple times. Which is Retaliator treatment for me advocating for myself, nothing. On May of 2022 I've had officers dropme ,assault me while I was in full restraints while at UConn Medical Center the incident has been held on security camera footage. Though clearly injured the officers slide me in a van without my being seen by medical though we just came out the ED . The officers called ahead to have twenty to twenty - five officers waiting for my return. My face was swollen and no one did anything to help me. I had to go back to the hospital after xrays showed proof of injuries. I had Ct scans that also showed proof of injuries, I have issues seeing from my left eye as well as injuries to my neck a lump was found. Also I have migraine that come out of nowhere and last forever it seems that I

have to get injection in my head. Medical send you out to UConn hospital to be seen by a specialist to address serious medical conditions. I have a heart condition as I had two heart attacks in the past but the APRN and Doctor will not follow the medication requirements The Mental Health director and Psychologist have allowed my treatment plan to be changed. I have been taken off mental health medications without any warn or tape off. I'm no longer allowed to be seen by clinician as policies for an offender that is a level 3 mental health that you meet twice a month. I've explained to the director here that I have always been able to have access to mental health in my state as I've lived on a mental health unit in Virginia I lived in the SAM pod Or a Smart unit in incarceration in New York DOC apart of the conditions for my parole was that I meet twice a week with mental health take my medications as prescribed. I'm an offender that was to be housed by Ct DOC never committed any crimes in the state of Connecticut. The state of Connecticut, and Connecticut DOC get pay annual for housing me. As well as there is a maintenance fee that Medical receive for sending me out to hospital appointments. Though I'm being charge for medical conditions which a chronic as well as paid for by my controlling state which is illegal. Though if I say anything then I'm threatened with a disciplinary action I have been label as a Security Threat Group member which is a actually calling me a terrorist. This because I have filed lawsuits and won against the Prison officials. I've haven't done anything to be considered an immediate or eminent threat to the safety of the society . I've never committed any crimes organized or unorganized to be called or label as a Security Threat Group member. I've never been a resident of Connecticut, nor shall I be released back into society in Connecticut. Though Prisoner like myself are being warehoused at places like Corrigan Corr Center and put in segregation multiple times for SRG placement. We are put in segregation unit and strip of our rights. They used a phone conversation that I had to and my saying a word yes a word that can be proven to have religious origin. I was denied to worship and follow the tenets of my sincerely held religious belief. Though this is what is going on with over a hundred guys incarcerated in Connecticut DOC, each story you will hear if investigation is conducted is illegal probing into social media sites like Facebook Instagram, Tik TOC etc etc by Ct DOC , Probation and Parole if you are in the entertainment business song writer, Rap artist ,they CT DOC are labelling you for tatoos that are more seventeen ( 17 ) yrs old. You can have a conversation about a Rap Artist or sing a song and be labelled as a Security Threat group member which wasn't intended when being the state legislator formed the policies for use in Connecticut Corrections I and guys like myself have been denied to worship and follow the tenets of my sincerely held religious belief because I have filed lawsuits and won against the Prison officials so to retaliate in the past. I'm being warehoused at places like Corrigan CC and Cheshire CI . I've been denied contact visiting from family and friends since February 27,2020 up until the present date. My family have been made to drive from out of state to visit me to be told that they can't visit me and they are on my visiting list. I'm not allowed to have a job and if an investigation was to be conducted into the policies for Interstate compact agreement offenders I'm suppose to have the same opportunity as in my state. As I prohibited being discipline for rules that go against the judicial system of my controlling state which is Virginia. Though what is going on in the Connecticut DOC isn't allowed by decent humanity standards. This is why Connecticut DOC is giving push back to wearing the body cameras as they won't be able to hide their illegal actions. Though why, wasn't the same resistance put up for the body scanners that are now in use a York and to be at other facilities within the Connecticut DOC. I'm writing from a good place in my heart, as I've been seen Connecticut DOC security personnel, medical and Mental health staff do foul stuff to people love ones. There are incidents that include death that could have been prevented if simple

instruments had been followed or orders not given. Though that will be the day that security cameras weren't working. I've never make claims about mistreatment of those confined just to had myself speak. If you have a friend or family member confined in a Connecticut DOC please check on them even if they say,they are okay. I've been in the most racist places in different States and they will make sure that you have the basics. I've never seen a prison conduct affairs as in Connecticut DOC. Which I believe is why Connecticut crimes have risen that just my opinion. If you aren't given the tools you need you fail at success and for most guys here, they are allowed to take programs until they are getting ready to go home. so they never actually learn to put to use anything given to them. Before coming to Connecticut I was involved in writing programs to help express myself. I'm not the best writer in the world. Though I was able, to hone my craft to write and self publish a self help book entitled Pure Guidance which is on, Amazon, Target, Walmart, Barnes and Noble, Google etc etc I'm a mental health offender that challenge myself to be better so that I do better. I know that my creator has a plan, for me even, if I'm unsure who hear me or see me. I do what I have to do unafraid of prison officials retaliation against me. I'm not a rapist, child molester, sex offender, nor do I abuse women or men I've never snitched. I as real ,as they come so I stand tall often I stand alone with many. I though I'm able to look at myself and respect the face that look back at me. Tough Times Show True Love, when you are incarcerated that is the toughest of times. You aren't an animal but they cage us and strip away your humanity for years what do you become if you are weak or have no support???

Peace,  
Master Rashid