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**Testimony:**

My name is Matthew Pugh and I reside in the Honor Unit at Cheshire C.I.

My concerns about Connecticut's correctional system is mainly about my health. I almost died on June 24 2025 due to complications of breathing because of a blood pressure medication which caused a side effect and damaged my lungs with viral infection, also I had polyps that formed in my nasal cavity which is making it harder for me to breath normally through my nostrils.

While I was at Mid-State facility for 2 days, there was a follow up for me to see a pulmonologist and ENT specialist but yet I haven't seen neither one yet and it's going on 7 months. Why do I have to wait so long for my health to be treated properly? In the meantime, no one knows of the suffering that I have to endure every day and night and struggle to breathe out my nostrils properly. Why do I have to do pushups in order to open up my airwaves in my nostrils just for a little while in order to feel a little bit comfortable?

When dealing with an individual's health behind these walls, that should be a priority to handle so there's no more harm that is done over time with the problem getting worse due to not being treated.

I just need this issue to my problem resolved by being properly checked out by an ENT specialist and Pulmonologist so I can receive the proper care instead of just sitting around while the problem gets worse! It's as if they don't care here at medical or UCONN to keep you waiting for months despite the harm you are going through day by day, week by week, and month by month. This is ridiculous and must be acknowledged so something can be done about this to help those suffering get relief.

I hope this letter brings about some kind of awareness so that our health issues are properly evaluated in a shorter time frame and are handled sufficiently.

We behind these walls are human beings who need our medical needs to be taken care of promptly instead of just making us wait as if we don't matter.

Truly, Matthew Pugh