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Testimony:

Dear Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom and members of the Judiciary Committee;

I am writing as a Connecticut resident, and I am deeply concerned about the dangerous conditions in our state prisons. Among the many distressing findings in the OCO Report on Conditions of Confinement (2025), I find the frequent lockdowns and retaliation against people who speak out on the inhumane conditions of our state prisons the most concerning. These conditions attest to egregious and systemic deficiencies in our state's carceral system. The State of Connecticut has a duty of care for incarcerated individuals, and all residents of this state deserve to be treated with dignity and to have access to proper healthcare. Instead, this report confirms what advocates already know: the health and safety of incarcerated people is at serious risk. I urge the Judiciary Committee to take immediate action to address these issues and ensure safe, humane conditions in all Connecticut correctional facilities.

Yours Sincerely,
Sam Sommers