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Topic: Meeting Date Not Listed

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Testimony:

Date: January 22, 2026

Subject: Urgent Concerns Regarding DOC Conditions and Family Communication

My name is Miss. Samaris Delgado and I am writing to provide my testimony regarding the state of the Connecticut prison system. My son has been incarcerated for 15 years, and over that decade and a half, I have witnessed a consistent decline in the basic living conditions and respect for the dignity of those held within our facilities.

I am asking you to bring these specific concerns to the Governor's attention:

(1) Extreme Environmental Temperatures: The facilities are failing to provide a humane environment. In the winter, the cells are freezing, and in the summer, the heat becomes unbearable. These are not just "uncomfortable" conditions; they are health hazards.

(2) Negligent Medical Care: The medical system is not on point. People are forced to wait weeks to see a doctor for urgent issues. This delay allows minor health problems to become much worse.

(3) Barriers to Family Connection: Family support is vital, yet the DOC makes it unnecessarily difficult. Just on 1/10/2026, during a scheduled FaceTime visit, 15 minutes were wasted simply trying to get a working computer and headphones so I could hear my son. When our time is already so limited, these technical failures are unacceptable.

My son has served 15 years, but he—and everyone else inside—still deserves to be treated with basic human decency. We need better oversight, functional equipment, and immediate improvements to medical and climate control systems.

Thank you for carrying our stories to the Governor.

Sincerely,

Yours: Mrs. Samaris Delgado