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Dear Correction Advisory Committee members:

I am writing to highlight a serious issue, that of prisoner medical care. Currently there is a system for prisoners to address complaints at the MacDougall Correctional Institution, however the first step of the process involves the prisoner submitting AN INMATE REQUEST FORM TO ATTEMPT AN INFORMAL RESOLUTION, yet there is absolutely no oversight as to the integrity of this system.

I have personally submitted complaints and even submitted video preservation numbers as I am doing here. I was sent to the Restrictive Housing Unit on April 2, 2025, under false accusation and given a Disciplinary Report which was withdrawn on the same date for its contradictory claims, however not enough was done to rectify the situation and I suffered a Large Stroke losing consciousness for 24 hours and had no way of seeking help. The stroke was a Thrombotic Stroke. The main artery to my brain burst and caused so much pressure on the right side of my brain that it killed off brain cells and caused left sided paralysis, much memory loss, as well I cannot remember all of my family today or even exactly how I ended up in prison.

The INMATE REQUEST THAT I SUBMITTED WAS DIRECTED TOWARDS THE NURSE SUPERVISOR as I was instructed to do, however the nurse supervisor quickly told the nurses I was complaining about that I had made a complaint. And so nurse Donna Thorner came to me to implore that I drop the complaint implying that I will not receive medical attention through the filing of complaints. She then went to Dr. Janet Hood and instructed Hood to remove me from Infirmary care. Hood then had me transferred out of the facility to a non medical facility where I ended up falling down and hurting myself.

I was then sent to the emergency Room at UCONN HOSPITAL where luckily No broken bones were found. I was then ordered to be returned to the MacDougall Medical Unit, however Nurse Supervisor Tawanna Furtick sent e-mail attempting to terminate the transfer stating that I would not be admitted into the Mac Dougall medical care Unit, this because I dared to complain and requested video preservation of Nurse Thorner following me around the Infirmary yelling " Fuck You!!" over and over again. My only offense was my attempting to self rehabilitate myself. I was re training my self to walk again apparently.

This was something I was not supposed to do. At this point I was offered no way to recover, I was doomed to urinate on myself without help. So I was determined to recover using sheer willpower yet the medical nurses were dead set against this, I thought the entire affair extremely bizzare and contrary to the codes of the medical profession.

Presently I find myself with no assistive device. I have been denied the use of a walker or wheelchair at MacDougall C.I. On Sunday morning a Nurse came and confiscated the wheelchair I had been using stating that Doctors ordered that I was no longer to use a wheelchair or walker. I have requested video preservation of this as well. Also I requested video preservation of the confiscation of my walker and was shown a discontinuation order by a Doctor Richard Williams from Cheshire Correctional Institution. Another oddity as I am not at Cheshire Correctional Institution or under this Doctor's care. Why on earth would he order a discontinuation of a walker for me? How would he know if I needed the walker or not? What is his interest in my ability to ambulate? at another prison? MacDougall medical staff have weaponized the medical care system.

My former roommate just passed away here on January 6, 2026. The day before he was asking a nurse for his heart medication and was denied. He passed away the next morning of heart failure. The medical system is akin to an assassination program. Many times I have wanted to refuse all medical treatment just to stay away from the medical staff. I figure if they don't see me the medical nurses won't be tempted to kill me off too. They are so lazy they don't want to change dressings. And I will probably get punished for writing this.

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