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Good afternoon.

I would first like to express my sincere gratitude to Ombudsman DeVaughn Ward and his staff for their dedication and for the meaningful progress they have achieved in improving conditions within Connecticut's correctional facilities. Their work has given incarcerated individuals and their families a voice and renewed hope that positive change is possible.

At the same time, we must acknowledge that, despite these important efforts, much work remains. Many improvements ultimately depend on the willingness of our legislators to enact the laws and provide the resources necessary to bring lasting change.

I fully support the testimony submitted by my daughter, Michelle Troconis, who has been incarcerated at York Correctional Institution for more than two years. Her account reflects many of the concerns that Attorney Ward and I have discussed personally over the past year.

While some progress has been made, significant issues persist, including inadequate nutrition, limited access to timely medical and mental health care, deteriorating infrastructure, recurring lockdowns, insufficient access to outdoor recreation and sunlight, and the continued lack of access to individual legal case files on inmates' tablets, which is essential for meaningful participation in their own legal proceedings.

I respectfully encourage the Committee, the Ombudsman's Office, and the Legislature to continue working together to address these concerns. Improving these conditions is not only a matter of safety and dignity, it is fundamental to rehabilitation, justice, and respect for the humanity of every person in our correctional system.

Thank you for your time and for your continued commitment to this important work.

Dr. Carlos Troconis
Father of Michelle Troconis