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my name is Enrique Colon I am currently incarcerated at Hartford Correctional Center located at 177 Weston Street Hartford CT. 06120. This is my written testimony.

I have been incarcerated in West 1 Block since November of 2025. I would like to discuss a few topics the one I will begin with is concerning our health and physical. ① There is no A.C. in the blocks in which for rec time they jam 20 individuals in a rec room (dayroom) and close the door. which I know temperatures reach well into the 90's while locked in the dayroom with only a small 12" fan circulating heat and humidity. ② We're supposed to have outside Rec (6) six days a week which we are lucky to receive twice (2) a week due to "short staff" - "Excessive Heat", when they have a Gymnasium which is never used that has AC! ③ The showers we use have drainage problems (causing flooding), they put used Shower Curtains on them (that have mold/holes), and the showers have dark black stuff on the Ceilings (which appears to be mold). There is not proper chemicals to properly clean those effected areas, and Complaints go without disregard! ④ The food which is served is in portions to feed a child, and some foods smell and taste of dog food, and or old and expired ⑤ The Gym has no equipment for the incarcerated to use to try to maintain proper health. Next I would like to briefly discuss

visitation. They only allow families in for 30-45 minutes in which there is a dirty glass and phones used to converse with families have a weird smell to them. They provide watered down chemicals used to clean them. They also pack (3) three floors of inmates and families into one small section of a visiting room. Lastly I would like to address Education. I have my G.E.D. and here at Hartford C.C. there is no programing or College / volcational courses for individuals to take to further there education. I feel as a County facility which houses inmates fighting Cases (which normally takes years to do) should expand there educational system to allow those that want to further there future with education. Also as a County facility there should be a LAW LIBRARY! How can one battle his/her case without proper Case law.

Thank you for hearing my testimony. My name is Enrique Colon #351846 I have been incarcerated in and out since 2007, and also never recevde the proper help when released AS to housing, or mental health support no matter how much I reach out seeking the help I NEED to become a productive member of Society!

Respectfully Submitted,

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Enrique Colon.