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Title:

Organization or Agency: Incarcerated in CT DOC

Topic: Meeting Date Not Listed

NA

Testimony:

I was flying free in different states, now I'm stuck in a state cage
The ones that know me from the world can see the drastic change
The judge gave me 65 years, but I'm overwhelmed after 7
I once flapped my wings recklessly, now I'm chained with my brethren

I dream of flying high to better my predicament
My sky, though, is limited, causing hopelessness to trickle in
COs want to see me suffer with rage, rattling my cage
But most officers stopped plucking my feathers, noticing I'm destined for change

D.O.C. 's objective is to rehabilitate, instead this system dehumanize
The weak birds do not elevate their mind, only the strong strive
Oppressors provide us with TVs and tablets, lending us distractions,
fearing we'll use our intellect and turn our ideas into actions

Made a lot of mistakes, now I'm flying free like a sage
It's ironic how I ceased to be the bird in the cage.