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Testimony:

I've been in Connecticut custody for 18 years. I can give valuable insight to help improve our system. I pray someone out there is willing to actually listen. there are many issues that need addressing to help create a safer environment for inmates and staff. I'll try to be as brief as possible, but please don't hesitate to contact me if you want to hear more on a certain topic.

1) medical and mental health care need improving. I was in pain for 16 years before finally getting a couple of surgeries. I also had one surgery that the surgeon said was preventable if I would've had the issue addressed earlier. the D.O.C. has a one size fits all approach and they put form over substance, like lipstick on a pig.

2) we are individuals, and need to be treated as such. I have my own issues that prevent me from the ability to be celled with someone. these issues resulted in my surgeries. the D.O.C. made a formal agreement that I am to be single cell status even if transferred to another prison, the agreement was in return for me to drop litigation and stop the grievance process. however, when I got transferred, the receiving prison is not honoring the agreement. my health issues are recurring and I greatly fear the need for more surgeries and the pain I'm currently enduring and how long I'll endure the pain. when it is a simple fix honor the single cell status agreement that was made. why must I go through this again? we are not all built the same. you can't put a Honda transmission in a Cadillac. people are individuals.

3) I would strongly recommend bringing back the good-time law that was erroneously taken away in 1994. the federal government gave money to the States that got "tough on crime". basically, Connecticut sold our freedom for money. there should be a meaningful opportunity for release. some sort of reevaluation. nobody likes crime, but we need to be " smart on crime ". ALL LAWS SHOULD BE BASED ON SCIENCE, NOT EMOTIONS. leave emotions out of it. bringing good-time opportunity back will help with creating a safer environment for inmates and staff. it will create insensitive for good behavior. this also makes sense fiscally, as well as morally. allow us to be tax payers and not a tax burden. everyone should be able to be reevaluated and earn their release. all but those sentenced to life in prison without release. please hear my plea on these issues. I have so much more to say on each subject but I promised to be as brief as possible. please contact me to hear more. I believe in the need for law and order, but I believe we have much room for improvement.