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**Title:**

**Organization or Agency:**

**Topic:** Meeting Date Not Listed

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**Testimony:**

Dear Correction Advisory Committee Members,

My name is Matthew Pugh and I was going through a serious health situation involving a medication called Metropolol, which from a side effect caused shortness of breath and other issues that landed me in the hospital twice which both times I almost died on June 24th 2025 and May 27th 2026 but due to the investigation from Ombudsman Ward and RN Amy Ziph, they were able to speed up the process of me receiving the medical attention that I needed at UCONN since I was being ignored at Cheshire C.I. during my agonizing ordeal.

If the ombudsman Ward and Amy didn't reach out to help me out, I would still be going through this health problem because of the slow process of receiving help at medical, here at Cheshire C.I. .

I refused to give up and used the help I had for support through an amazing advocate named Nancy Peters that handled informing Ombudsman Ward what I was going through and how serious my problem was involving my health.

Now I'm waiting for surgery at UCONN from the ENT DR. that will perform what needs to be done to relieve this health problem which should be coming up soon and help me out beneficially, than continue to suffer everyday and night from the cause of medical neglect that was going on before Ombudsman Ward and RN Amy Ziph, stepped in and investigated the matter.

I advise that the committee take under consideration what Ombudsman Ward and his staff has done with the report on access to outpatient specialty services in the Connecticut Department of Correction cause without it, I feel there would of been plenty of more deaths cause nothing was getting done in a timely manner so people such as myself that were having serious health issues, had to continue dealing with their health issues getting worse cause of no professional help that was needed. I feel much better now that I know my problem is about to be handled so I'm just sending my Thanks to Ombudsman Ward, RN Amy Ziph, Advocate Nancy Peters and Dr. Ashton Lehmann who will perform the surgery to give me relief.

This is my way of showing my appreciation and grateful how these people took the time to hear me and not ignore my cry for help!

I hope people listening to this story understand that we are also humans behind these walls and need to be treated much better.

Thank You For Your Time...

Truly, Matthew Pugh aka BREED