

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to thank all of you for your diligent effort to assist all those who were hurt while performing hazardous duty.

My name is Anthony Horvath

On March 28, 1993 I was working as a correction officer for the State of Connecticut. On that day I was brutally assaulted and repeatedly hit all over my body by several unknown inmates with unidentifiable object";

AA during a prison riot.

I have received several injuries from that incident, but the most serious was a spinal injury. After several surgery's and much discomfort and pain I have been in formed by Doctor David Kruger of the Greater Hartford Orthopedic, that I have a "Pseudoarthrosis at L4/5 and at L5-S1". Which means I have a posterior fusion at one level and no anterior fusion at the other level.

Doctor Kruger concluded that with or without transfusion he would not be will to operate for this would be a life-threatening intervention and that other options include chronic narcotic suppression or a morphine pump, although this has many undesirable facets.

Life for me has been very difficult and challenging since this injury. I have a non union or non fusion in my back, the discomfort from this is extremely painful and it continues to play havoc on me and my family. It also has put a financial hard ship upon us. Being the sole provider the additional monies that this bill purposes, just two or three thousand dollars more per year will assist my family through hard times like cold winters or unexpected emergencies. This bill will also help all those who find themselves in this "extraordinary" situation like me.

I am in favor of this bill; in fact this is a great bill for all those who dedicated themselves in serving the State of Connecticut under hazardous duty conditions. However I do request that this bill go back to the date of my injury March 1993.

Thank you very much
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