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To whom it may concern,

I have lived at Whiting Hospital from 1988-2000 and now reside at Dutcher Hall, awaiting transition to the least restrictive setting possible. Over two decades, I have purchased and retained considerable property to be utilized when reintegrating to a local community. Recently, I learned of efforts made to limit the amount of capital and/or storage provisions while being treated on campus. This disturbs and angers me because I have enough to worry about concerning recovery of my symptoms. Now, on top of everything else, I am forced to search for alternatives to place my property over the next few years of transitioning.

I request this legislative body to reconsider it's intentions of imposing unreasonable and unnecessary restrictions of my personal belongings. The possessions that I have accumulated have symbolically represented my process of recovery over the years. I worked diligently on a work program to afford and acquire these things that will allow an adequate and complete move to the community. By imposing limits of property, I believe, will create more problems than will be solved, by instructing patients that we will be limited to a standard list of permissible items.

In closing, I wish to present a situation of reality for all to consider. We will let you transition to the community; we will allow you to begin planning while living on campus; your recovery is important to us and will assist you to succeed; and finally, we'll make reasonable provisions for you to help facilitate a move to the community after being impatiently confined and treated for over twenty years of your life.

Respectfully submitted,

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