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March 8, 2012

To whom it may concern at the CT Labor and Public Employees Committee:

I am writing this letter to support my sister, Judith Lapke Cleri, and her fellow nurses, in their effort to rid their work environment of abusive behavior, especially from one supervisor. I know my sister as an intelligent, responsible, caring, and motivated nurse. She always looks for new challenges in her life and in her work. She makes the extra efforts that will make her contribution more valuable. She has always been willing to work with very challenging patients, including those who were in the end stages of their lives in a hospice environment.

Her present job is with mentally ill inmates at a CT state prison. How few nurses would accept that challenge! She worked hard to become the best nurse possible with very difficult patients. She is shocked to find that her biggest challenge is from a supervisor. The caring and sensitive part of my sister's personality, which helps her to deal with prisoners, seems to be a ready tool to satisfy this supervisor's need to denigrate, humiliate, and subvert. I have never seen Judy more frustrated and humiliated.

I hope your committee will be able to take action to improve this and other similar situations for employees of the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Lapke Murphy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Christine Lapke Murphy