Good morning to the esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Sandra Kerr Clark. I reside in New York, I would like to express my strong support for Project Act SB/459. I'm testifying on behalf of my brother Kacey Lewis Prison # 165480.

My brother was held at Osborn Correctional Institution in solitary confinement for 7 days during this time he went on a hunger strike, because his legal documents were confiscated by a Correctional Officer and his CD player was damaged.

After he lost 20 abs. and almost died, His documents were returned to him. Then he was transferred to McDougall and placed on restrictive housing no letters in or out, no visits only phone calls were allowed. I believe this was a tactic used to silence him once again.

Kacey has shared with me, that there has been times when shackles were placed from his wrist to ankles. Clearly this is torture, degrading and painful. Solitary confinement does not help it leads to mental illness. And If you entered a prison with mental Illness surely this type of torture will make it worst.

Kacey is college educated and earned a degree in Liberal Arts. He was working and going to school at the same time before he was incarcerated. He would often drive to New York to visit with me our last visit we shared a pizza 10 years ago.

**Banning Solitary Confinement** would end the use of unnecessary lock downs and denying basic human rights for days, weeks on end. It would also address severe enduring harms of isolation in Connecticut prisons.

**The Protect Act** SB /459 would promote Officer
Officer Wellness
Which would require reporting on key indicators within the Connecticut correction system including prevalence of mental illness, use of force incidents, and availability of education and other programs.

I strongly support The Protect Act SB/459

Sincerely Sandra Kerr Clark
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