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## **Testimony:**

Ms Barbara Fair for Correction Ombudsperson

## Dear Committee:

I hope you all can find your self in a good spirit, I am sending this letter on behalf of our Surrogate Mother Ms. Barbara Fair who had spend countless amount of hours outside cold winters in front of prisons to advocate for inmates like my self, did loss sleep thinking about us/inmates being treated worse than animals.

She has traveled to other countries to see and better the inhumane living conditions and treatments for inmates in CT as opposed to those inmates housed in Europe who are treated as human beings.

She takes the time to send hand writing letters to inmates including my self since 2004, to not only support me with the lack of humanity issues done to me since the age of 18-years of age by DOC Staff's in a maliciously and sadistically manner to cause me physical harm, torture, pain, suffering, and mental anguish.

Ms. Barbara Fair created a movement STOP SOLITARY CT to limit solitary confinement/segregation the PROTECT ACT passed into law in 2022, in which my testimony was made public, thanks to her, STOP SOLITARY CT and staff's.

I almost died in segregation for 45-days. I was having heart failure, my heart was stopping, my skinny legs were filled with liquid/water, I couldn't piss I was lucky to make it out of there at live, to then get sent out in an ambulance after I was in general population because I was denied medical care while in segregation.

I am still going to UConn for my heart, since 8-19-23, my palpitations PVC'S (Premature Ventricular Contractions) started back again, and it haven't stop still until this present time.

I filed a claim §1983 for the 45-days I was in segregation with heart failure no care in wish I almost die sometime in 2022 I called

attorney Kenneth Krayeske asking for his help, that my life is at risk. I explained I had filed everything in place got all the evidence and instead all Krayeske did was close his doors in my face denying me assistance, I guess if the dollars amount are not right it doesn't make sense to him, my theory is if he couldn't help me one inmate how he will have the time to help/assist thousands of inmates like myself behind this Walls or out on parole. Barbara Fair had and is still doing it for years she proved that for a Zero balance Fee, a CT licensed Clinical Social Worker.

It already had been proved to the governor that an independent oversight of the DOC is needed to watch over inmate's life, humane treatment, and care behind this walls. The CT inmates general population trust Barbara Fair to be that person for the job. I trust her as someone who has family members who have been

permanently damage by their experience of CT incarceration.

Through her role as director of the CT Nonprofit Stop SOLITARY CT, and her tireless work on behalf of incarcerated peoples and their families over the past twenty plus years Barbara Fair has repeatedly

proven her steadfast commitment and dedication to improving the wellbeing of all those impacted by the Conn Dep't of Corr including me a Dominican descendant.

I like to tell the advisory committee that Barbara Fair is the right candidate for this position not only cause all the work she done over two decades but because she cares, she will hit the ground running in the role of ombudsperson for peoples incarcerated within the DOC system and for the Public as well.

Sincerely, Andres Sosa.#260589 Cheshire Corr Inst.