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Testimony:

Please appoint Barbara Fair as Correction Ombudsperson

I would like to explain why we need an ombudsperson, and why I feel that Barbara Fair will be a great person for that important position.

Approximately about a year and a half ago, after I was jumped by three other women, I was viciously attacked by an employee by being kicked in the temple after I was subdued and handcuffed. I followed all the proper protocol that is currently in place to try to get this addressed. I was told that the use of force was valid end of subject. I feel if I was able to have had someone on my side to try and show what had happened then there would have been action taken to prevent another from the abuse I suffered. I didn't get medical help for ten days because I was in segregation and found out that I had suffered a concussion. I was then teased and made an example of by other staff as this is what will be done if you don't comply with their demands even if you are already restrained and not fighting. I feel there is so much more to this incident as approximately three years ago I had a nephew murdered by a correctional officer's daughter. I can't talk about that too much as the case is still in court. As I was fighting through my grief and my family's grief and tried to address this issue I was told I was being paranoid and irrational, that it was just a coincidence. My cell was constantly being targeted for shake downs until I began to just give up, then I finally found some peace. That's what this place does to you, it breaks you down so much until there is nothing left. These are some of the reasons I need for Barbara to be out there fighting for us in here. Barbara has fought hard to end the abuses of solitary confinement, strip searches, and so many other violations of incarcerated people's rights. We trust her and need her in this position. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely a very sad scared inmate at York.