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RC, P2 Plumbing Journeyperson

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CT Office of Governmental Accountability
Selection Committee, Office of the Correctional Ombudsperson

Dear Committee,

It is with great excitement and pleasure that I enthusiastically recommend Attorney Hilary Carpenter for the appointment of Corrections Ombudsperson!

My name is RC, Licensed Plumbing Journeyperson. In 2007, I was in my second year of a fourteen-year prison sentence. Indigent, Attorney Carpenter was assigned to represent me as a Public Defender in my Habeas Corpus case. On my very first meeting with Attorney Carpenter, I expressed in great pain and tears that I was innocent. Attorney Carpenter, empathetic, said she was there to help me with all that she could. She asked lots of questions, listened attentively and took notes. The first State employee I felt and saw, genuinely cared for an inmate.

Through the months and years that passed, Attorney Carpenter would visit and/or correspond with updates on my Habeas Corpus case. Irrespective of the time it was taking to come to trial, I knew that she was working diligently on my case. This became evident when the Habeas Corpus trial came to be in 2012. Attorney Carpenter, the consummate professional, put my case before the Habeas Corpus Court. There, she methodically presented well organized evidence that Honorable Judge, later found convincing enough to grant relief for Ineffective Assistance of Counsel!

Although my Habeas Corpus case was subsequently reversed on appeal, Attorney Carpenter's representation gave me faith that there are people who truly care and will fight for fair and just treatment of an inmate. I hung on to this hope and served my time. Five years later, I am a licensed plumber with many blessings!

I am confident without reservation, Attorney Carpenter would carry out the duties of Corrections Ombudsperson diligently, bringing great credit to the office with her zeal for fairness!

Sincerely,
RC