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To: Correctional Advisory Committee

Re: Attorney Ken Krayske Ombudsman Application pursuant to Public Act 22-18 PROTECT ACT

As a litigator and public interest lawyer in Connecticut for 39 years, I have worked with many young lawyers.

I have known Attorney Krayske for 30 years. We met when he was a journalist covering Winsted and Litchfield County for daily newspapers. He went on to teach young people journalism, then to law school and into law practice.

Attorney Krayske is tenacious and perseverant as a civil rights advocate for his clients such as those incarcerated by the Department of Corrections where he was lead counsel in the class action lawsuit that resulted in the change to the hepatitis C policy.

Attorney Krayske is an excellent candidate for ombudsman in that he has legal experience, the demonstrated ability to operate within the legislative and legal systems, a working knowledge of the day to day operations of the Department of Corrections, he can build coalitions, and knows and works with legislators, DOC personnel and the public.

The best Ombudsman is someone who knows how to use available tools to accomplish objectives in an administrative setting.

I have no doubt that Attorney Krayske has the skills, capability, interest and energy to work in such a role. I encourage you to rank him first for the Ombudsman position.

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