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Re: Correction Ombuds reference

Dear Advisory Committee:

I urge you to consider Attorney Hilary Carpenter for the position of Corrections Ombuds. I am the head Public Defender for the Windham Judicial District and have known Attorney Carpenter both personally and professionally since we worked together in the Public Defender Post Conviction Unit in 2009.

Attorney Carpenter is an ideal candidate for your position for several reasons, the biggest of which is her commitment to justice and the rights of indigent people. Attorney Carpenter is particularly well suited for the position because she has a decade of experience representing criminal defendants who have cases pending in the trial court and are therefore held in lieu of bond and a decade of experience representing inmates who are serving sentences in the post-conviction context. In all instances, Attorney Carpenter genuinely cares about the personal well-being of the inmates she serves as much as the outcome of those inmates' respective cases.

Additionally, after being a colleague of Attorney Carpenter's for over a decade, I can proudly say that Attorney Carpenter is not shy about "stirring the pot" or being an "agitator" when one of her DOC client's rights is being violated. Attorney Carpenter is intelligent, hard-working, and in all instances conducts herself with professionalism, integrity, and a high regard for ethical conduct as well. As an employee of the Division of Public Defender Services for almost 30 years, I am proud to call Attorney Carpenter a colleague, and I am



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confident that she would be a great asset to the inmates she would serve if given this position.

Thank you for your consideration. If you require additional information, please contact me at (860) 202-0949 or at geflores50@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'George Flores', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Attorney George Flores
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