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Testimony:

I am writing this letter in support of Kenneth Krayeske for the position of Correctional Ombudsman. This hearing is being conducted by the Correctional Advisory Committee on January 11, 2024.

I have known Attorney Krayeske for approximately 25 years. During that time, I have found him to be someone who is intellectually curious, hard working, and a tremendous advocate for those whom he is tasked with representing. As a Correctional Ombudsman, I have no doubt that he will excel in meeting the requirements of this position. He has already moved forward the care and treatment of incarcerated persons in Connecticut, from pregnant women to the chronically ill. That established track record as an advocate for incarcerated persons has been accomplished because of his advocacy, his research and understanding of the law as it applies to clients who have been guests of the state penal system, his oral and written communication skills as is evidenced in brief and arguments made in both federal and state courts, and his ability to work with many other attorneys to advance the quality of incarcerated lives all help to demonstrate his aptitude for this position.

It should be of note that Ken was prior to being an attorney, worked as a reporter for Connecticut newspapers. In this capacity, he was not only accomplished as a writer, but also interacted with many sources from individuals to local, federal and state governmental entities. This skill set would serve him well as Ombudsman as he will need to communicate well with other staff members, employees, and governmental entities. He is also capable of managing large quantities of information from disparate sources to pull together cogent and cohesive policies and plans.

I cannot say enough about how well suited Ken is for this position and do wholeheartedly endorse him for this role. In fact, I can think of no one better suited for this. Thank you for your consideration of my written testimony.