

Letter of recommendation for Hilary Carpenter

January 11th, 2024

Dear committee members,

My name is Liz Dupont-Diehl. I live in Windsor, and from 2007 to 2015 I worked for Career Resources Inc. and helped run the Bridgeport ReEntry Collaborative, which works to advance good employment for formerly incarcerated people.

I was pleased to see that our state has created the position of Corrections Ombudsman, and equally pleased to see that Hilary Carpenter is a finalist for the job.

I have known Hilary for 15 years, and consistently observed in her the qualities of perseverance, boldness, and independence that this position will require. She combines her drive for justice with equanimity, intelligence and persistence.

In addition to her work as a public defender, she was a leader in the movement to abolish Connecticut's death penalty. In that role she brought together numerous individuals and groups and managed competing agendas with consistent progress and ultimately victory.

All of the finalists before you are outstanding candidates, but I recommend Hillary as the best person to accomplish the ambitious goals laid out in the legislation.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and thank you for your work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Liz Dupont-Diehl', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Liz Dupont-Diehl