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To Whom This May Concern,

Hello. And may this scroll find you in the best of health and high spirits. My name is TORRY BURTON. I'm writing to manifest my truth on behalf of the wonderful Ms. BARBARA FAIR, FOUNDER and DIRECTOR of STOP SOLITARY CT.

Barbara's work within the many communities throughout Connecticut has been necessary. Her work inside of the Prison system has been much needed. I, myself, made a not so wise decision that landed me in prison. However, through mutual entities, I have managed to stay in touch with the impacts of Barbara's movement. At one point, my mental health was deteriorating. I fell into a slump and began losing my grip on reality. I was close to the edge. And not in a positive way. Then I received a positive message from Ms. Barbara encouraging me to pick myself up and get back on track. Her words inspired me to do better. I started to consider my next play in life.

So I wrote a book. Then I wrote another book. Then another book. Right now I have two books, published through Gale Sanders and DESTINATION FREEDOM MEDIA GROUP, selling on Amazon. My first book is LUXURY BEAUTIES. My second book is SOUTHMARSHALL MILLIONAIRES. Writing gave me an outlet to the struggles I faced deep within my cerebellum.

I enrolled myself in CARPENTRY and learned how to build houses, build tables, build chairs, put in floors. I even built dog houses for the dog program. I enrolled myself into CULINARY and received a certificate.

I've done a lot more, however, Ms. Barbara's work and energy sparked something within that made me want to be great. That energy trickled through me into other inmates that were trying to find their way.

Ms. Barbara is running for OMBUDSPERSON. We give her our full support because she is in the trenches with us. The people relate to people that's relatable. How does one become relatable? By putting in their work and creating meaningful bonds with their supporters. Ms. Barbara is one of the rare candidates that take the time out of her busy schedule to communicate with the families of the incarcerated and the families of those impacted by crimes. She has had loved ones taken from within her circumference and placed behind bars.

The hardships that we, as being the incarcerated, face on a daily basis fall on deaf ears when we air out our grievances to non relatable candidates. We want an OMBUDSPERSON that champions mental health for prisoners. That champions rehabilitation for prisoners. That champions the opportunity for the incarcerated to right their wrongs and rejoin society.

A lot of us are concerned with basic issues such as: Where are we going to live once we are released with landlords discrediting ex felons after a background check, how we are going to earn decent pay if hired by an employer if we pass a background check, and other decriminalization related roadblocks that ex felons face. Stuff such as that weigh in really heavy on our psyche. Because Ms. Barbara knows the struggle, she knows how to deal with it hands on and in a professional way. So, if there's anyone who deserve to be delegated as our OMBUDSPERSON, we, the people, give our vote to Ms. Barbara Fair. I

appreciate you for allowing me to manifest my mind. Thank you.

SINCERELY,
TERRY BURTON