



Judith B. Robson
Wisconsin State Senator

February 29, 2000


Senator Roger Breske, Chair
Senate Insurance, Tourism, Transportation and Corrections Committee
State Capitol, Room 18 South
Madison, WI
Hand-delivered

Dear Senator Breske:

Thank you for holding a committee hearing on the medical care provided to Wisconsin prisoners. I have received many calls and letters from people who have personal stories to tell about poor health care services in prison. I am forwarding to you a number of the letters. I would appreciate if you would distribute copies to committee members as well.

Once again, thank you for investigating problems with inadequate medical services in correctional facilities where Wisconsin prisoners are housed.

Sincerely,


Judith B. Robson
State Senator
15th Senate District

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Rodger Breske
Chairman of the Senate Corr. Committee
Room 18
South Capital

Feb. 24, 2000

Dear Mr. Chairman,

My name is Claudia Cody and I am an inmate at the Rober E. Ellsworth Correctional Center in Union Grove, Wi.. Enclosed is a letter to the ACLU in Milwaukee concerning the present conditions of the women's correctional facilities that greatly contribute to the risk of health and safety for all who reside and/or work here. In addition to the concerns listed therein, I understand you will be meeting in March to review the current health care practices of the women's prison and I would like to ask that your committee look into all aspects of our confinement.

I was housed at the Taycheedah Correctional Facility for over a year in which time, I suffered from an abscessed tooth to which no treatment was offered. I was placed on antibiotics for over a year and due to the infection having spread, several more abscesses occurred and I developed a systemic infection that was not addressed until my transfer to the Robert E. Ellsworth Facility. In my time at TCI, I witnessed several occasions where inmates were forced to walk on or suffer with, broken limbs because HSU didn't feel it was an "emergency". Some of the breaks were so obvious, even a lay person could tell it was broken and needed immediate medical attention.

The HSU staff at TCI was notorious for ignoring the requests of the inmates as far as medical attention was concerned. It didn't matter whether a person had a known and previous episode of an asthma attack, seizure, or other physical dysfunction, and when in the mists of a present attack, HSU would be reluctant to come to the building, often times having that person WALK down to HSU or, HSU refusing to see them at all. The HSU staff had an attitude of indifference towards inmates. This encompassed the entire population; all inmates were "liars", "attention seekers", or "fakers".

With my own experience as well as having witnessed several episodes of indifference by HSU to other inmates, ~~is rampant~~. The hostile attitude in which we are spoken to, is RAMPANT. I myself, having been told by them that I was "full of shit" when I told them I was being denied necessary treatment and that the infection was spreading. I know of inmates who had been taken out of the institution to receive emergency care at a hospital only to have those physician orders completely ignored upon the inmates return to the correctional facility.

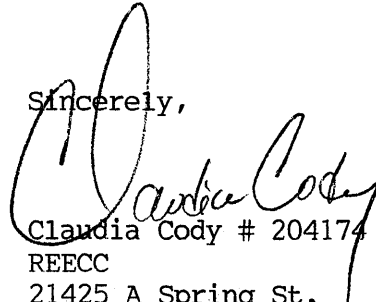
The procedure to see HSU is to "drop them a slip". This is a blue medical slip in which the inmate describes her problem or medical dilemma and they then place this "slip" in the appropriate medical mailbox. The HSU staff then determine whether or not it is an emergency which nine times out of ten, it is not. However, those "slips" still raise valid ailments and difficulties which HSU will not address for several days, or weeks, and on numerous occasions, forget about them all together resulting in the inmate having to go through the whole process all over again and further waiting and denial of care occurs. The pain we experience from broken bones, abscess, deep cuts, falls, injuries from fights, etc., are legitimate, yet HSU is slow to accommodate your needs. They often times fail to conduct tests or x-rays the inmates symptoms call for and do not staff the facility with qualified, competent personnel.

In comparison to the care afforded to inmates at TCI, the Robert E. Ellsworth facility is exceptional in ^{trying to} meet ~~the~~ the needs of the women and the problems we incur. Unfortunately, as the over-crowding continues and the problems we suffer increase by the number of women coming from TCI who now need to be delt with on an emergency basis that come to RECC, our medical staff cannot possibly handle the urgent care that is continuously needed. We have one full time nurse (Catherine Hammes) who is here from 5:00 am Mon thru Fri until sometimes 5 or 6 pm. We have one doctor Moe Muldron who is here two or three times a week for several hours. Two medical personnel for over 256 females is ridiculous. The state refuses to send the current staff more help and the care once given to all, is selective and very often, delayed. This breakdown at REECC is

not the fault of the current medical staff. They cannot possibly be expected to stay
affront of the demanding medical problems women suffer from at the rate of the
growing population. Nurse Hammes is being "worked to death" here. Dr. Muldron isn't
too far behind her. Being over-worked and tired has lead to deficiencies in the
health care provided to inmates at REECC. I am not trying to "slam" the care here. I
am saying though, the state needs to employ ~~the~~ medical personnel sufficient in number
to reach the needs of the growing population and to get updated equipment for more
"in-house" treatment and diagnosis rather than having to call an ambulance or be
taken to the ER for stitches or minor cuts/injuries which cost the taxpayers even more
than having had the right equipment in the first place.

I have enclosed several ICI's dealing with the conditions of our confinement. I
strongly implore you to look closely at the "totality of the circumstances" that lead
to further illness, injury and safety issues. I pray that something can be done to
benefit both the inmates and the public as well.

Sincerely,


Claudia Cody # 204174
REECC
21425 A Spring St.
Union Grove, WI
53182

10 CONTACT NURSE HAMMES

CALL (414) 878-2392

AND ASK FOR YOURSELF WHAT
A TYPICAL WEEK FOR HER IS LIKE
HERE.

Another Consideration is: our health care is that As "Women", our Needs ARE far different FROM those OF the Men. INMATES Come to Prison pregnant or have Complications With their reproductive systems that OFTEN TIMES Aren't discovered UNTIL their incarceration.

Most inmates do not Come from backgrounds with Medical Services made readily available to them (i.e. Family doctors, etc.). Many Needs OF Women, FROM pregnancy to Cervical Cancer, to STD's aren't even diagnosed until incarcerated and once having been diagnosed, are not given the prompt and proper care necessary to alleviate the condition or maintain control over (diabetes, high-blood pressure, etc.).

Now, Couple All those Women with incoming physical demands to the inmates already incarcerated who also need medical attention and place them in an environment such as TCI where medical staff is indifferent, incompetent, and where treatment is severely mis-managed with improper diagnosis, etc.

TAKE those inmates that TCI didn't or wouldn't treat & send them to an already over-crowded and under-staffed medical team at RICE who, by valiant efforts, tries to and in most cases, gets those of urgent need the treatment, but at the same time, now sacrifices treatment for all others in which those cases have led to more serious problems. Yeah, there's a problem all right....

Another alarming tactic being employed by

The Department of Corrections is to send female inmates with known medical problems out of state so that they can "deal with" the burden & subsequent costs. Theresa Arentz-Hillyard who has a progressive degenerative bone disease is in Anderson West. VA. Where finally, some care is being provided to her. Another inmate, Martie Nelson was also sent - she had a brain tumor which was known by the Doc & Medical Staff of TCI yet she was still sent to West VA. Where West VA. turned around & sent her back after 9 months of having to bear her expense of treatments. She is currently at TCI today.

There are hundreds of long-stories and out-of-state shipments resulting in medical mistreatment or from wanting to "pass the buck".

TCI's HSO Dept. is good at asking inmates "When is your release date" or "What security level are you". If the release date or transfer date to another facility (RECC) is close, care and treatment are "deferred" until that date whereby RECC then gets to handle the medical problem of the inmate gets the care outside of the system if released. Nice "politics" don't you think?

C. Cook

Tommy G. Thompson
Governor

ICE RECEIPT
RECC-2000-2484



Jon E. Litscher
Secretary

State of Wisconsin

Department of Corrections

**** ICRS CONFIDENTIAL ****

To: CODY, CLAUDIA R # 204174
UNIT: NPR -
ROBERT ELLSWORTH CORRECTIONAL CENTER
21425A SPRING STREET
Union Grove, WI 53182-9408

Complaint Information:

DOC Complaint Number: RECC-2000-2484

Date Received: 1/20/1900

Subject of Complaint: Food

Brief Summary: Inmate states that the foods served at REECC are too high in fat, salt and starches and unhealthy.

This is to acknowledge the complaint you filed and which was received on the date indicated. Depending on the nature of the complaint, you may or may not be interviewed by the ICE. A recommendation on the complaint will be made and submitted to the appropriate reviewing authority within 15 working days of acknowledgement. A decision will be made by the appropriate reviewing authority within 5 working days following receipt of the recommendation unless extended for cause.

Please write to the ICE if this issue is resolved before you receive an answer.

I strongly encourage you to get the ICE to this Acknowledgment notice. It discusses the causation & contribution to the high-blood pressure, hypertension, lack of sufficient diabetic meals & snacks, inadequate nutrition, etc., that have lead to illness & seizures.

Date: Thursday, January 20, 2000

Institution Examiner's Office

OFFENDER COMPLAINT

INSTRUCTION SEE REVERSE SIDE

OFFENDER NAME (If group complaint, enter name of spokesperson)		DOC NUMBER
Claudia Cody		204174
INSTITUTION NAME	OFFENDER HOUSING UNIT	CELL OR ROOM NUMBER
REECC	NPR	227

TO BE FILLED IN BY SPOKESPERSON	
DOC COMPLAINT FILE NUMBER	
INSTITUTION COMPLAINT FILE NUMBER	
DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED	
TYPE OF COMPLAINT	GROUP NUMBER
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Group	
DATE OF INCIDENT OR DENIAL OF REQUEST	
01-31-00	

STATE YOUR COMPLAINT

GROUP COMPLAINT

This ICI is in regard to the raw sewage that backs up into our kitchen on a frequent basis. This is the third such ICI on the matter to which none of the previous ICI's were properly dealt with, acknowledged in the time prescribed by Admin. Code CHAPTER DOC 310, or given proper complaint numbers.

A sanitary environment is a basic human need that a penal institution must provide for all inmates. The Eighth Amendment is violated by seriously defective plumbing JACKSON v. DUCKWORTH, 955 F. 2d 21, 22 (7th Cir. 1992). This back-up of raw sewage into the REECC kitchen poses a serious risk to the inmates and officers health. Prison food must be prepared and served under conditions which do not present an immediate danger to the health and well being of those who consume it. Having raw sewage containing feces, soiled tampons, toilet tissue, urine, and other such debris back up into this institutions only food service kitchen, creates health hazards in that preparation(as well as to those who must clean up the waste)which is sufficiently gross. Under these conditions, prisoners need not prove that serious food-borne illness has already occurred; the existence of the risk is enough to violate the Constitution and I am tired of being exposed to that risk day after day. This serves as Notice to REECC and the DOC that injunctive relief and court intervention will be commenced for the failure to remedy this situation in a timely manner. Sec. 893.82 Wis stats., does not apply to a prisoner seeking injunctive relief if there is a risk to the health and safety of that prisoner. A Civil Action will commence in 120 days following this Notice.(Class action)

NAME(S) OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS COMPLAINT

ATTORNEY Generals Office, Sally Harmsen food service supervisor for REECC, Sgt. Maerzke, Sgt. Robotka, and the entire REECC administration. Incident reports are also kept; reqst. denied

SIGNATURE OF OFFENDER OR SPOKESPERSON

DATE SIGNED

Claudia R. Cody

01-31-00

NOTICE TO OFFENDER: The ICE will acknowledge your complaint within 3 working days of the date of receipt.

INSTRUCTIONS

You should talk to appropriate staff in an effort to informally resolve your complaint prior to filling out this form. If you have not done so the ICE has authority to direct you to in accordance with DOC 310.11(7).

The following rules govern the processing of complaints. The Institution Complaint Examiner (ICE) may reject any complaint that does not comply:

1. Complaints are to be filed within 14 calendar days of the occurrence giving rise to the complaint (late complaints may be accepted for cause). File the original with the ICE within this institution.
2. Frivolous complaints, as defined in DOC 310.11(4), will not be accepted.
3. No more than 2 complaints may be filed in any calendar week, except medical and safety issues (if good cause exists the ICE may allow more).
4. Complaints may only address one issue. Please print or type.
5. You must sign the complaint. If a group complaint is filed all members must sign the complaint (attach a separate sheet if necessary). The first signature on the complaint will be designated as spokesperson.
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7. Your complaint must be within the scope of the of the Inmate Complaint Review System (ICRS). Refer to DOC 310.08.
8. Your complaint will be acted upon by the ICE who will make a recommendation to the Warden. If you do not receive the Warden's Decision within 23 working days of the date your complaint was acknowledged, you are to consider your complaint denied. If your complaint was denied or if you were not satisfied with the Warden's decision you may send your appeal to the Corrections Complaint Examiner with in 10 calendar days after the date of the Warden's decision. Forms may be obtained from the ICE. The CCE will make a recommendation for decision on your complaint to the Secretary of the Department of Corrections for decision.

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OFFENDER COMPLAINT

INSTRUCTION SEE REVERSE SIDE

OFFENDER NAME (If group complaint, enter name of spokesperson)

DOC NUMBER

Claudia R. Coak

1204174

INSTITUTION NAME

OFFENDER HOUSING UNIT

CELL OR ROOM NUMBER

RECRC | PPK

| 227

STATE YOUR COMPLAINT

TO BE FILLED IN BY READER	
DOC COMPLAINT FILE NUMBER	
INSTITUTION COMPLAINT FILE NUMBER	
DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED	
TYPE OF COMPLAINT	CODE NUMBER
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Group	
DATE OF INCIDENT OR DENIAL OF REQUEST	
<i>01-31-00</i>	

SIGNATURES TO GROUP COMPLAINT RE: SEWAGE BACK UP

Lorraine [unclear]
Barbara Lloyd
Schonda Batchelor
Shonette Berkman
Agnie M. Studell
Jayne L. Nageldinger
Ramirez Genda
Beverly Walker
Jessica Wagner

Ruby Hayes
~~*Katharine Plets*~~
~~*Mary Johnson*~~
Robin Butcher
Michelle Riekooki
Susan Stepha
Elizabeth Scholzen
Beverly Surprenant
~~*Alma Parker*~~
Arita Quince
Betty Owens
Monique Barber
Theresa J. Halster
Alana Belton
~~*Ann [unclear]*~~
SKOTKE, Diane
Faber Vicki

Di Kuinto
Nicole Bauer
Vicki Perri
Evelyn Jones
Russell Dione
Victoria Jackson
~~*Shirley Harbor*~~
Caroline Harris
~~*Julie Jones*~~
~~*Jane Paquet*~~
Clay Taylor
Donna Jordan
~~*Darlene [unclear]*~~
~~*Jay S. Holbe*~~
Julie Nelson
Debra Fox

NAME(S) OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS COMPLAINT

SEE Above

SIGNATURE OF OFFENDER OR SPOKESPERSON

DATE SIGNED

Claudia R. Coak

01-31-00

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Tommy G. Thompson
Governor



ICE RECEIPT
RECC-2000-4189

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Secretary

State of Wisconsin

Department of Corrections

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To: CODY, CLAUDIA R # 204174
UNIT: NPR -
ROBERT ELLSWORTH CORRECTIONAL CENTER
21425A SPRING STREET
Union Grove, WI 53182-9408

Complaint Information:

DOC Complaint Number: RECC-2000-4189

Date Received: 2/4/00

Subject of Complaint: Personal Physical Conditions

Brief Summary: Inmate states that there have been numerous occasions when raw sewage has backed up in the kitchen creating an unhealthy environment. She further states that she has filed two previous ICI's that have not been dealt with.

This is to acknowledge the complaint you filed and which was received on the date indicated. Depending on the nature of the complaint, you may or may not be interviewed by the ICE. A recommendation on the complaint will be made and submitted to the appropriate reviewing authority within 15 working days of acknowledgement. A decision will be made by the appropriate reviewing authority within 5 working days following receipt of the recommendation unless extended for cause.

Please write to the ICE if this issue is resolved before you receive an answer.

*Again, under
The open-records law,
You can get the actual
"Incident Reports" to this
of raw sewage into this
dinning AREAS. This is a very
frequent occurrence. If so
inclined, request the maps in our
Report RE: The MAPS in our
kitchens STEAM KETTLE. Non
Jonson of RECC TOOK
PHOTOS! This
happened in Feb/March
of 1999.*

Date: Friday, February 04, 2000 *NOT "ISOLATED"*
Institution Examiner's Office
Incidents. SAME STEAM KETTLE; New batch of vermit infestation occurs

Timothy & Margaret Strutz
2511 South Fountain Avenue
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(920) 733-6304

February 24, 2000

Senator Judy Robson
State Capitol
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Judy Robson,

After reading the articles in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel regarding the prison system in Wisconsin, I was outraged. Our son almost died at the hands of the prison system, at which time I wrote the Governor and received no response. Please read on and so you can give us some help before it is too late.

I feel you need background information to have a clearer understanding to this grave situation. At the age of 17 our son suffered a severe asthma attack that caused severe brain damage, it left him disabled without a short term memory. After intense training at the Mary Brigh Center, associated with the Mayo Clinic, Michael learned to live independently with some help from his family.

In 1997 on his way to work he suffered a brain injury related seizure, and his truck hit the automobile ahead of him which resulted in the death of three people. After many court appearances, an inadequate lawyer, and a judge that wanted to use Michael as an example sentenced him to 10 years in prison. It was an unjust plea agreement, the District Attorney was asking for 6 years. Michael has no prior convictions.

Michael was sent immediately after court to the Outagamie County Jail where the first of the abuse started. Michael suffered an asthma attack there and pounded on the cell door, after some intense screaming from his fellow inmate a guard came running and got a nurse with Michael's inhaler. I questioned the nurse the following day and she said Michael had his inhaler at all times, the start of many lies, if Michael had his inhaler he would not have pounded on the cell door.

After 8 days in the County jail he was sent to Dodge Correctional, mind you he was wearing the same underwear as when he went in. There our disabled son would spend four long months on A&E without a T.V. or radio, the only thing in his cell was a tablet of paper and pen. It took a month for him to get his prescription glasses. He went outside once in those four months. He could not find his way back to his cell, due to his severe short term memory loss, after that one venture outside he had to stay in his cell. The inmates and guards had taunted him, calling him a retard and a nark.

I wrote the Commissioner of prisons, Mr. Sullivan, asking not to send Michael to Portage. Again, my pleas were not heard and Michael was sent to Portage on September 24 1998. Every chance our family could get to visit Michael we did, this included every Wednesday, Sunday, and sometimes on Fridays. Michael finally received the radio we sent him on November 4 and his T.V. sometime after that. Once again, it took a month to get his glasses. Michael's social worker, Mark Kohn was the most vile person I have encountered since Dodge. The social worker at Dodge told me to stop coddling my son and to leave her alone.

December 6 1998 the more severe abuse begins. On December 6 Michael's father, myself, and a friend went on our usual Sunday visit, what we witnessed on that day should never occur in our country. Michael came out to the visitor's room a total zombie, he couldn't talk and he would look at us with a blank stare. He only shook his head back and fourth and would laugh inappropriately. I went to one of the three guards and asked him to call medical personnel because there was something seriously wrong with our son, I felt he had a nervous breakdown, the guard was also concerned. After the guard had called Michael's unit their response was to send him back to his unit for more medication. I explained he does not need more medication he needs a doctor, the guard told us it takes an act of God to get a doctor on a weekend. We had no choice but to leave our disabled son in this god awful state of mind. Michael could never defend himself physically or mentally due to his memory problem.

I called Mark Kohn on December 7 to tell him about the visit on Sunday and ask how Michael was doing. The response I got from Mark was "Michael's doing all of this for attention" and he would not bother anyone on his unit, to leave matters up to him. December 9 Michael's sisters went to visit him and the guards told them he was in lock up because of an indecent incident, Michael would never do anything of such a nature. December 13 Michael's father and I went for our visit. Upon arriving Officer Schneider came to talk with us, he told us Michael had broken off his radio antenna and carved his wrist, he told us it was a cry for

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help. Yes it sure was, as we later learned from Michael. Officer Schneider said he was in the medical unit under close supervision.

December 16 Michael was transported from Portage to Wisconsin Resource Center. The personnel at W.R.C. were very kind. Michael was not eating, his weight dropped from 187lbs. to 129lbs., and he had extreme paranoia according to the nurse, Dan Lelman They had to force feed him through the nose, at one point Michael collapsed from malnutrition and sent to Mercy Medical Hospital in Oshkosh. We tried to visit Michael the first chance they would let us but he refused the visits on December 25 and 27 of 1998.

January 3 our first visit with Michael at WRC, this is a visit no one would believe, but there has to be video tape of this visit and the following ones. If you were to view these tapes our once happy, physically healthy 30 year old would show a different person. The entire left side of his face showed yellow makings from an old huge bruise, one tooth cracked off, and stitches in the top of his head. His actions and words were bizarre to say the least. He would curl up in a fetal position against the wall in the visitor's room. We had thought this is not our son, what have they done to him? I called Dan on January 8 telling him of the stitches and the old bruise on Michael's face. I was told nothing was documented from Portage and if he had stitches they would remove them. That in itself was odd, how would they not notice there had been stitches in his head it was one of the first things we had noticed.

January 10 Michael was paranoid, and the stitches had been removed. Michael talked of the voices that told him what to do. At one time the voices told him not to stand up for count and he was sent to segregation for 8 days, all there was in the cell was a mattress on a floor, this is humane? In the months of January and February we would visit every Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday and most of them Michael would refuse, why? We didn't know.

February 19 1999 I went with two friends to visit Michel and that's when he revealed the shocking news to us. At Portage they had attempted to rape him, that's how he received the blow to the head and the bruised face. He whispered all of this information for fear of his life, once again. Michael went into the system with beautiful white teeth, now there is a tooth that is cracked off, and his gum lines are receding because they won't allow inmates to have dental floss.

As of this date Michael is doing better at W.R.C. where there are nurses that administer the medication properly, and the protection for each inmate seems to be better. Michael's nurse, Dan, has spoken with me on numerous occasions and he assured me of Michael's safety.

Michael still keeps to himself in his cell for personal safety reasons, except for 2 hours per day working in laundry. If they would send Michael out to a regular prison amongst other inmates it surely would be a death sentence for Michael. At Dodge and Portage Correctional the guards hand out the medications from blister packs (7 per pack) they have no idea what the medications are for.

If anything like this would have happened outside the prison walls someone would have to be held accountable for their abuse. To ask for an outside investigation in our prison system most who work there would lie to cover up the abuse and wrongdoing to the inmates. I have tried everything to get an honest answer regarding our son's abuse and received none. I have stopped investigating for fear of Michael's life.

If this were your child on the receiving end of this kind of abuse what would you do? Please help Michael and other inmates faced with the abuse that occurs daily within our prison system. You have the power and resources to put an end to the atrocities in our prison system.

Sincerely,

Timothy & Margaret Strutz

Cc:

Senator Michael Ellis

Representative Scott K. Walker

Representative Wasserman

REV DWAIN AND JOAN OLSON
806 MAPLE WAY NO
WAUKESHA WI 53188

FROM MRS. OLSON

February 16, 2000

Senator Judith Robson
State Capitol Office 118 North, PO Box 8953
Madison WI

Dear Ms Robson:

Thank you for your expressed outrage at the death of Taycheedah inmate Michelle Greer. It should not happen. It seems as if most response-action is taken on the basis that inmate has lied or exaggerated their condition and therefore they do the least for them.

As a matter of introduction, I am a member of Prison Fellowship and conduct a support group in Waukesha for inmate's families. I'm also a tutor at the Waukesha County Jail. As a member of St Vincent DePaul Dismas jail ministry, I visit juveniles in detention once a week. I have been corresponding with 30 inmates for about 4 years. We have a parolee living with us and mentor two others. I visit inmates in several prisons as well. I know what the DOC does to these inmates.

Taycheedah is not the only place where death is waiting to happen. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from a man sent to Sayre OK with a history of depression. He tells of a man with cancer getting morphine for pain. That man should be in Wisconsin so his family can see him regularly.

I know from a group called, "Walk of Faith" that medical records are withheld and don't follow inmates out of state. CCA owned and operated private prisons don't want the expense of medication. The DOC doesn't want the expense either so they continue to send bi-polar and schizophrenic patient out of state in breach of the out of State contract. My friend is being shipped to Mason TN. He is bipolar and has high blood pressure. The bipolar medication has made great difference in his life. I fear that he will not get the needed medication in that private prison. They will not send the medication with him.

A person I have written to for several years had his hand slammed in the cell door at Waupun and no medical examination, x-rays, or pain medication was given for 12 hours. There is supposed to be 24-hour emergency care. But once again lack of treatment is based on the premise that the inmate wants attention or is lying and exaggerating.

There is retaliation against the inmate when family members intervene about lack of treatment.

Also doctors have been relegated to the institutions because they have been banned from practice in public hospitals as in Waupun.

Treatment is punitive and inappropriate. Guards give out psychotropic medications. Can they tell one type of medication from the other? Do they ever get mixed up?

Taycheedah may be the tip the iceberg. All prison medical practices should be audited. Death can happen at anytime by neglect or inappropriate medication.

Sincerely



Joan Olson
Cc Assemblyperson Sheldon Wasserman

February 01, 2000

Dear Joan

Thank-You for your letter dated January 23, 2000, and also for the puzzles. I believe I've read your letter over three times. I've also shared it's contents with my neighbors. I would like to follow your letter to comment on some important issues.

When I entered Waupun in 1996, accounting was deducting 75% of all money sent in or earned. The Judges' orders stated 15% of all money earned!! After taking a few hundred, I threatened to write Judge Timothy Dugan (sentencing Judge). A Mrs. Wallintin (Accounting) wrote saying they would reduce the percentage immediately. I only owed \$525.00, and they had already taken \$380.00 in five months. I have a 20 year sentence!! Mrs. Wallentin said, "we can take 100% percent if needed, the state is entitled to their money!" The last \$135.00 came off at 15%.

Joan, I have not and will not receive my medications. I am having problems seeing double, possibly a medication side-effect??? This has been going on for over two months. The psychiatrist has now taken me off of Doxepin, Trazodone, my bi-polar medication-Lithium, and now my cholesterol medication-Les-cho1. None of this has helped and I'm suffering with extreme anxiety, little or no sleep, and weird mood swings! At my last appointment, the doctor (psychiatrist) said he was lost & guessing about my vision problem. I've seen the eye doctor, with same opinion, lost or guessing.

The CCA & Wisconsin contract states, "no inmate with a serious medical problem will be transferred to an out-of-state facility!!" My problems are minimal, one inmate is being pushed around in his wheel chair while wearing a neck brace. Another inmate on my unit has cancer and receives injections of morphine & other pain medications. They don't belong here!! Many inmates are not receiving medications or adequate care. I've read the Doc guidelines which state, a psychologist is a state licensed "psychologist." I have been receiving counseling one hour per week for 12 weeks from a medical employee without a title or degree in psych!! She (Mrs. Baker) is careful not to seriously advise. Her sessions have been for my depression, we've seen no progress!

Robert Ausprung 187557
in Sayre, OK

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I have written the Wisconsin out-of-state transfer people, Sec. of DOC, Jon Litscher and recently, a Dr. Ted Garlewski Chief Psychologist of Wisconsin DOC., receiving no help. I feel my depression needs are as real as the next mans' drug treatment or anger management for others. The Judge recognized my mental health issues and stated same in transcripts. Maybe a letter to the judge or a lawsuit would help ?

Concerning Mr. John Tiggs & Mr. Daron Walker, I don't know them. I am familiar with their AT&T duct-work intercom. and the fishing system! I wish them luck !

Joan, you mentioned Harold Eisenberg; can you possibly help with addresses ? We have an old copy of the Milwaukee Yellow pages; no white pages. I will invest in a Wisconsin Blue Book, everyone's listed in there.

I've read some interesting Journal-Sentinel articles on out-of-state prisons, security at Whiteville, Tn. & here. I would appreciate addresses for Sen. Gwendolynne Moore, Gerald Kleczka, Ron Kind, Tammy Baldwin and any others you can think of ??

When I read about possible creation of a residential housing program for pedophiles', I get angry. I cannot get a transfer to any adequate treatment facility for depression. I'm told that a good program exists at Winnebago Resource Ctr..

I've read about Wisconsin Officials and Wahington Officials being stockholders of CCA stock, longer sentences and more out-of-state transfers will raise their stocks..... Conflict of interest !!!

As you can see, I just received my order of typewriter ribbons. After re-reading this, I see many mistakes, please bear with me !

The out-of-state transfer people (Janice Mink-Wi. DOC) and others are closing their eyes to many problems. My complaints about our racial fight and safety was ignored by Jan Mink on her January visit..

Also, inmate with cancer illness is Dan Voigt, parents and possible information source: Mr. Mrs. Rudy Voigt

868 Brian Ct.
Watertown, WI.

phone-920-261-4022

re: Marge of Jefferson, grandson at Whiteville

Sincerely, Robert

#349126

Oakhill Correctional Institute

5212 County Hwy M

P.O. Box 938

Oregon WI 53575

February 20, 2000

Dear Judy Robson,

I read the article in Wisconsin State Journal about Michelle Greer and Governor Thompson. I realize now that not only the women, but also the men's health care in the department of corrections is bad. The D.O.C. Bureau of Health doesn't even follow their own procedures and I think they feel like doing whatever they want to and they seem like they just don't care if one of their patients die, its like so what, they are only inmates. Dale Pollock is the chief HSO monitor supervisor and you would think he would follow standard procedures and its like he don't care either and he doesn't monitor health managers medical practice. Something needs to be done because they don't follow 100.12 Wisconsin D.O.C. Health Policy Procedures and they don't follow A.M.A. 1979, #135 Standards for Health Services in Prison.

I was recommended to go to Oakhill Correctional Institute for medical care. I have been here for 38 days and haven't seen a doctor yet for my problem. There are other inmates here that had to wait to see a professional doctor. After I was transferred here I was told that my file was missing and they refused to let me see my medical file, although I have copies of them from other institutes where I was housed at. Oakhill says I don't have a file because it is missing I believe something is wrong here because I am not the only inmate at Oakhill that has

happened. Please help us I don't believe we were sentenced to die because
we screwed up and broke the law it's not like we killed anyone. As days
go by we continue to fight for our health and hope for a better day
tomorrow. Thank you for concern and time

Thank you

Sincerely,

Kevin Jacobs

Richard J. Kusch
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February 20, 2000

Honorable Judy Robson
State Senator
State Capital
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, Wi 53707

RE: Death of Michelle Greer....

Dear Madam:

This letter is in regards to the death of Michelle Greer on 2-2-00 at the Taycheedah Prison for women. I am aware of too many similar incidences of this type of care, including my own, so this is far from an isolated case. I will make reference to only a few such cases, because I don't have the names or enough information to elaborate on the many cases of medical abuse I'm aware of during my 13 years in prison. I will describe a similar situation that almost resulted in my death, plus other episodes of neglectful or contemptuous standards of health care, which reflect prison health care as a whole. It is a trauma in itself to be aware of all these abuses, and to be locked in a room when something happens knowing help is a long way off if it comes. My concern is not only for other inmates and myself, but also for a society that would allow this standard of medical care or neglect. Your legal system fraudulently put me in prison for life, but I still want to have respect for the Humanity that I'm part of, so I don't want to believe that these abuses are your real intentions.

You take away our legal rights and make it almost impossible to redress abuses by taking away funding from the Public Defenders Office previously used to help inmates, and you make justice unaffordable for us, you frustrate us to no end and then persecute those who turn rebellious out of disrespect to your ways by subjecting them to an illegal and improperly applied disciplinary system, you feed us inadequate food and deprive us of certain foods and health items, you make us pay for some items and health care the Department of Corrections is required by law to provide, you take away our right to care for ourselves where we can, you confine large amounts of inmates in small areas like the new barracks styled living quarters, which are nothing but cesspools for disease, you force two inmates into a small room to wallow in each others bodily functions, your bathroom facilities are unclean and inadequate for the overcrowding conditions, which expose inmates and staff through this close mingling to serious contagious diseases, you provide us with doctors who have lost their licenses, or who are inept and biased toward inmates,

and nurses with a lackadaisical or contemptuous attitude towards the needs of inmates, you make lawyers fearful of helping inmates with viable health claims, and then when something like the death of Michelle Greer hits the newspapers your suddenly appalled that this vile treatment occurred.

What gives the DOC the right to deprive us of health care, and to make us pay for most of our needs in over-the-counter meds by forcing us to buy them through the canteen. When the legislatures wrote up the co-payment plan for inmates it was directed at inmates who are wage earners, not those who barely get \$40 a month on average. If Taycheedah is anything like The Fox Lake Corr. Inst Health care system then Michelle Greer had to buy her asthma medication through the canteen, which has a propensity to run out of these necessities, or if lucky she had to continually beg for this medication. Many times they will deny your needs and tell you to submit a money transmittal, so you can be seen by the health staff and have your needs reevaluated, and then they tell you you no longer have the problem. I would gladly pay for as much of my health care needs as possible if that's what I got. I've paid for \$14 worth of fruit each month for the past 7 years, because food service doesn't provide it. If the DOC can't afford to provide me with the correct standard of health care why can't I obtain it on my own, or in some cases I can get care from the Veterans Administration, but it seems the Health care people would rather see me suffer. Why also is it that the DOC can stop an outside investigation of its activities, when they have no power to make any such rule or law. Chapter 227 only allows them to make rules and laws through interpretations of laws made by the legislatures.

My records will show that I came into the prison system in extremely good condition, and that most of my life I was an exercise and nutrition nut, but now after 13 years of prison at the age of 57 I'm lucky I can still walk for a short period, and this is at the expense of not getting treatment for certain conditions I had before incarceration, which I explain later. If you want to see 13 years of medical abuse I'll provide my entire record. I have filed many complaints and health requests in the past 13 years. I have written letters concerning some of these problems to the ACLU, but they claim they can't afford to help. They recently investigated some of the health care problems inmates are having, but the last I heard they couldn't get enough funding to take

legal action. I had provided them with close to a hundred pages of my medical problems. I have filed many ICI'S and one ICI under DOC 310 for civil rights to no avail. I have filed at least 6 Notices of Injury to the Attorney Generals office, and many claims to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, who always have the same caned response. I I filed a claim with the Civil Rights Office in Illinois, and they sent it to Mr. John Wodatch, Chief Disability Rights Section Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. WERE IT PRESENTL SITS. I've written letters to various legislators, and to Wisconsin C.U.R.E., BUT none of these places respond. It should be clear that this is the quality of care the DOC wants.

Near Death Experience

In Sept. 1998 at Fox Lake Correctional Inst. while being forced to live in their barracks for six months I developed a sore throat and loss of my voice. I was seen by a nurse, and had a throat culture taken that supposedly turned out negative. No treatment was provided despite that similar problems were breaking out throughout the Inst.. Over the next few months this condition got worse, and I was unable to sleep at night, because I would continually awaken from choking or completely unable to breath. I have attached a notice of Injury I filed with the Attorney Generals Office, which explains the events in chronological order. On numerous occasions I awoke unable to breath, and through desperate attempts to breath I must have damaged my throat or something, because I would then be coughing up blood. It took a long time for this to heal , and it still feels like something is wrong when my neck is in a certain position. I never received any care for this problem, and still don't know what it was. I recently read about a condition that had similar symptoms, and I believe it was called croup. I talked with many staff people where I worked to get help, but it still took a long time to get an appointment with the doctor, who completely ignored it. Most staff were helpful, but one casually told me to have another inmate stick a tube down my throat if I couldn't breath. THIS WAS THE MOST FRIGHTENING thing I ever went through. I filed a complaint through the ICI system, a notice of injury, a complaint with the Dept. of Regulation and Licensing, and letters to health personnel to no avail.


When I came into prison I had two related conditions from a car accident, which gave me a partial disability, and I was being treated for both of these conditions on the outside. THE DOC Health DEpartment was aware of these conditions, and had them evaluated, but they reduced or changed the original treatment, and in some cases they provided no treatment. I have repeatedly over 13 years begged for basic forms of care, but can't even get a decent mattress for this condition, which consists of a disability to the neck and back. This condition has worsened over the years from lack of care, and now adversely effects activities throughout the day. This condition led to a TMJ condition, and I had a lot of orthodontic work in progress on my teeth at the time of incarceration, which was stopped and changed by DOC. This has caused more TMJ symptoms, and damage to all my teeth. This matter as previously stated is with the DEpartment of Justice, and they have over a hundred pages of records, including all the complaints and Notices of Injury I filed over the years. I offered many times to buy certain medical needs, but they won't allow it. Health SERVICES tells me that a mattress support is not allowed by security, but when I write to the Warden he states that Health items are left up to Health Services, and that sort of run-around is the norm.

In the past 7 years here at the Fox Lake Correctional Inst. I have heard of many medical abuses and extreme neglect to inmates. I could also go into cases of inmates being severely beaten by other inmates and one being turned into a vegetable, etc..., but thats a different type of neglect. There are numerous older inmates with heart problems who get little or no care, and I am aware of numerous deaths at this place, because of neglect. An inmate named Kimpble or something like that died around 1995. I knew him for a number of years. I had seen him a couple of hours before his death. I was told that he didn't get his asthma medication when he was suppose to, but it was written off that he died from his own vomit. I had written to Wisconsin C.U.R.E. about it, but these things become a moot issue after DOC investigates them. I watched another inmate die a long slow and painful death from cancer. HIS name was Terry Golowski. He tried for a long time to get help for symptoms, but as usual they tell you to take pain pills or drink a lot of the polluted water here. Eventually his symptoms turned onto full cancer. They gave him treatment for awhile, but then a some point

his treatment was stopped, and he was sent to the infirmary at Dodge to die. I had provided Terry with a number of possible and proven cancer cures, some holistic, but they would not allow him to try any of these. They would not even allow him to go home and die with his family, or die with some dignity. In another situation in the past year an inmate got a visit, but when they went to get him he was dead. He had a known breathing problem or lung condition, and even his work Supervisor tried to get him help, but my understanding is that HSU said he was faking it. Cedric Johnson here at Fox Lake is another recent example, and I have first hand knowledge in this case. He has a liver condition, and was told a couple of years ago that if he didn't get a liver transplant he would die in 5 years. DR. Daley who is in charge of prison health care took this man off the transplant list, because he had a drinking problem years ago before his incarceration. He recently went to court and won a law suit against Daley. He was put back on the list, and if he doesn't get a transplant in two years he gets more money. In the above case with a lung problem I believe his name was Dave Schuiarman. It wouldn't be hard to come up with more situations, but here its hard to learn of an incident unless your right there, or someone you know has first hand knowledge.

In writing this letter I'm not asking for help for myself I'm just trying to make you aware of whats going on, and that it could be on a large scale. This women should not have had to die to bring about an awareness or change in prison health care, as the standards are already there. What needs changing is attitude that starts from the top. Its like Bambi said treatment to inmates is mental sodomy, or as I say, "They demoralize you, Dehumanize you, and then play with your emotions", and that seems to be the prevailing attitude towards those in prison. How can they possibly provide adequate health care here when the ratio is over 1200 men to one doctor, and even dental care can take up to a year to get an appointment!

Respectfully,


Richard J. Kusch

P.S. Also attached is a statement and affidavit from inmate Celso.

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
NOTICE OF INJURY AND CLAIM**

Pursuant to Sec. 893.82, Wis. stats.

This notice must be served by certified mail within 120 days of the event giving rise to the claim for such injury, damage, or death upon the Attorney General, Post Office Box 7857, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7857.

Claimant's Name, Address and Phone <u>RICHARD J. KUSCH</u> <u>FOX LAKE CORRECTIONAL INST.</u> <u>BOX 197</u> <u>UNIT - 2</u> <u>FOX LAKE, WI. 53933-0197</u>	Time and Date of Occurrence <u>OCTOBER 23, 1998, 3:15 PM</u> Location <u>FOX LAKE CORRECTIONAL INST</u> <u>HEALTH SERVICES UNIT</u>
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Statement of circumstances of event giving rise to the claim for such injury, damage or death and names of persons involved, including name(s) of State Officials, Agent(s) or Employee(s) [If additional space is needed, continue on back side of this notice form.].

ON 10-23-98 I SAW DR. LLOREN ABOUT A THROAT PROBLEM STEMING FROM TWO OTHER CONDITIONS OVER A TWO MONTH PERIOD. THE DOCTOR DENIED ME TREATMENT OR DIAGNOSIS FOR THE THROAT PROBLEM I REQUESTED TO SEE HIM FOR. I WAS ALSO GIVEN THE RUN-AROUND TREATMENT, WHEN I REQUESTED TO SEE THE DOCTOR AT A POINT WHEN THE PROBLEM WAS AT ITS WORST. THE PROBLEM I AM COMPLAINING OF WOULD REQUIRE LOOKING DOWN MY THROAT IN THE AREA OF MY VOCAL CORDS TO DIAGNOS, AND LOOKING AT THE PART OF THE THROAT THAT STOPS FOOD FROM ENTERING THE WIND PIPE. I FEEL THIS PROBLEM HAPPENED AS A RESULT OF TWO OTHER CONDITIONS, AND IT OCCURRED AFTER I WAS SLEEPING. I AWOKE UNABLE TO BREATHE, AND MY EFFORTS OR GASPING FOR AIR DAMAGED OR SEVERELY IRRITATED THIS AREA OF THE THROAT, AS IT CAUSED ME TO COUGH UP BLOOD. THE TWO CONDITIONS I WAS BEING TREATED FOR MAY BE THE CAUSE OF THE WIND PIPE BLOCKAGE, BUT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SEPERATE FROM THE PRESENT THROAT PROBLEM. WHEN I FIRST COMPLAINED ABOUT THIS THROAT PROBLEM IT WAS SHORTLY AFTER BEING TREATED FOR A CONDITION HSU THOUGHT WAS STREP THROAT, AND WHEN I SAW THE DOCTOR HE FELT THAT PART OF THE PROBLEM WAS FROM ACID REFLEX, SO HE PRESCRIBED REGLAN, OR METOCLOPRAMIDE. ACID REFLEX MAY HAVE CAUSED THE FIRST EPISODE REPORTED ON 10-10-98, BUT SUBSEQUENT EPISODES WERE DURING THE PERIOD TAKING REGLAN. IN THE SUBSEQUENT EPISODES THE WIND PIPE BLOCKAGE, I FEEL, WAS FROM PHLEGM BULLD UP IN THE AREA BELOW THE ADAM'S APPLE.

I hereby certify that all statements contained herein are true and that the injury, damage or death actually occurred, "OVER".

Date: 11-2-98

Richard J. Kusch
Signature of Claimant

Richard J. Kusch, being first duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says that he is the claimant above named; that he has read the above and foregoing notice of injury and claim and that the same is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Date: 11-02-98

P.J. Trochinski
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My commission expires: 8-20-2000

AFFIDAVIT

Affiant undersigned states and avers to the following:

1. Affiant was an inmate at Racine Correctional Institution and from May 5, 1999 until released was placed in segregation in the Waukesha Unit and thereon observed the following:
2. Affiant states that Inmate Mark Pfeiffer was transferred from the Kenosha segregation unit to the Waukesha unit, so that he was able to receive more medical neglect and shown more deliberate indifference by D.O.C. Staff.
3. Affiant's cell was directly across the hall from Inmate Pfeiffer's cell and on May 22nd seen his emergency red light on and after a long period of time a guard responded, whereon Inmate Pfeiffer requested help by explaining that he was choking. Affiant heard the officer tell Pfeiffer to get a drink of water and lay down on his bunk and be quiet. Pfeiffer did not receive any medication, or observation of further help.
4. Affiant states that on May 23rd, he observed Pfeiffer's red emergency light was on for over one and one half hours before an officer responded and Inmate Pfeiffer had his arm out the trap door with a show of blood on his forearm and I thought he might have slit his wrist or otherwise injured himself from the pain he was experiencing. The officer stayed less than 30 seconds and left without administering to him.
5. Affiant states that on May 24, 1999 Pfeiffer's emergency light was on for about an hour and forty minutes before the guard checked on him and he didn't open the trap door, but talked through the door. At that time Inmate Pfeiffer was lying down on his floor. The guard provided no help, nor did he summon help.
6. Affiant states Inmate Pfeiffer's light was on for an emergency on May 25, 1999 from 12:00 noon until 1:30p.m. with no response and at 4:20p.m. a guard arrived and ordered him off the floor and observed Inmate Pfeiffer bleeding, but took no action to help.
7. Affiant states at the time of 4:20p.m. a 2nd officer arrived and kicked his door and started to walk away, Inmate Curtis Celske said, "feed that man - he hasn't eaten for three days." The guard replied, "shut your mouth or you won't eat."
8. Affiant states that Inmate Pfeiffer never ate in four days and couldn't get off the floor to get to his bunk. At 8:20p.m. no light was on in Inmate Pfeiffer's cell and one officer was at his door and that one officer called to another officer. The first officer was mute and the second officer said, "Doesn't look like he is breathing." By then a third officer had arrived and said, "He isn't." A fourth officer ordered the door opened.
9. Affiant states that H.S.U. was called and arrived in less than ten minutes. Later an oxygen mask was put on Pfeiffer and from that time until the Sheriff came in about thirty minutes and the paramedics arrived about twenty-five minutes after H.S.U. Security Director Ellerd came about this time.

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10. Affiant states the paramedics strapped Pfeiffer to a board and tied him down and handcuffed and shackled him, while he laid on the cement floor in his cell block in Waukesha West apparently dead, while they were shackling him and manacling him. He lay there on the board while these officials examined the cell and videotaped the cell for about 18-20 minutes. Captain Monart arrived and spent time observing and he was there before the Security Director, who came 15 minutes after Captain Monart and forty-five minutes after the discovery of the death.

11. Affiant states that he was released from the Kenosha Unit on 7/16/99, but detained on temporary lock up [TLU] until 7/20/99 and was locked up pending transfer approved by P.R.C. early recall on 7/27/99 with the decision to move Affiant to Fox Lake Correctional Institution and thereafter locked up Affiant in Rock South for 35 minutes and 3 members of the goon squad and Captain escorted him to Kenosha Unit for yet another lock down [with no explanation] pending transfer on 7/29/99 by violating D.O.C. procedure.

12. Affiant states while still in Waukesha Unit after the removal of Pfeiffer's dead body, Inmate Walter Lamacki #268904 was assigned to clean up the blood and other body fluids of Inmate Pfeiffer, which included the blood on the trap door, toilet, floor and bed.

13. Affiant states almost immediately after clean up, a new Inmate, William Epker #335094 was in fact moved into this cell.

14. Affiant states that thereafter District Attorney Robert Flincher found two officers guilty of misconduct in office.

15. Affiant states that he has attempted to contact Inmate Pfeiffer's relatives to inform them of these events and that he would be willing to testify in court of these observations made of the medical neglect and deliberate indifference shown to Inmate Pfeiffer by these officials subjective recklessness in creating these malicious injuries.

Date:

C. S. Celske
Curtis Celske #098488 - Affiant
Fox Lake Correctional Inst.
P.O. Box 147
Fox Lake, Wi. 53933

State of Wisconsin

Sworn and Subscribed by:

Robert P. Flincher
Notary of Public

Commission expires: 11/26/00

Reference to Special medical issues

To whom it may concern:

I am Curtis J. Celso and I am presently incarcerated in the Wisconsin Prison System. I want you to know that I know first hand just what goes on in Correctional Institutions in regards to medical issues.

I have myself a Civil Rights Act 42 USC 1983 pending in the Seventh Circuit in Chicago.

In short I would like you to know that there is situations that put prisoners in great danger on a daily basis, neglect and recklessness by Health Services Staff.

I Enclosed please find signed Affiant. By one Curtis J. Celso who is quite aware of a on going problem with H.S.U. in Correctional Institutions.

P.S Good luck at
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Hearing.

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Sincerely
C. Celso
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February 18, 2000

Senator Judy Robson
Wisconsin Senate
PO Box 7882
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7882


Dear Sen. Robson,

First of all, let me thank you on behalf of ALL inmates regarding your interest in looking into the DOC's health care problems. It is a long time in coming and MUCH needed!

I am writing this letter to suggest that you contact an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union in Milwaukee. Mr. Peter Koneazny (414-272-4032) and several other lawyers investigated medical malpractice and other problems with DOC health care in the spring of 1998. I believe he would have a lot of information that would benefit your investigation.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. We Wisconsin inmates really need your assistance.

Sincerely,



Daniel Harr 97891
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Green Bay, Wisconsin 54307-9033

PS... I've been informed that Mr. Koneazny is retiring some time in March so you may want to call him soon. Also, if I can be of any further service or provide additional information for you please let me know.