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I have been in this institution for well over 18 years. I came here from a federal Institution, wanting to be close to my family. They were offering a program that you had to be within 300 miles from where you lived or where you were convicted. I chose here, over the years this institution has changed considerably it seems as if we have no rights . I definitely will support the Correctional Ombudsman Bill;

In 2015 I had surgery that was unnecessary; I have been complaining about stomach pains and have yet to be send out for an upper gastrointestinal digestive exam. If you are on solitary confinement you cannot order the required hygiene items in order to sustain adequate proper hygiene for females. There is no vocational programming, education is not required and the ARP/IGP is put in place just to favor the officers. Some officers are just rude to family members coming in for a visit, constantly harassed and degraded. Family members waiting for you to be called to visit and the officer inside the bubble talking or inmate calling you for a visit instead of the officer. An inmate giving mail out and passes.

I believe bringing in someone who is not biased and who is fair could rectify some of the issues that the institution has now. A voice for us; meetings with administration, representation not only for the Inmates but our family members too. Education, re-entry programming before some of these issues are unobtainable.

The Correctional Ombudsman Bill has my favorable vote, I support this wholeheartedly it is time for change.

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