

Written Testimony in Support of SB 13  
Judiciary Committee Public Hearing  
March 28, 2018

March 27, 2018  
The Honorable Senator Doyle and Senator Kissel  
The Honorable House Representative Tong  
The Judiciary Committee

**Re: SB 13 An Act Concerning the Fair Treatment for Incarcerated Women**

Dear Senator Doyle, Senator Kissel, Representative Tong and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee:

Good afternoon. My name is Sandy Lomonico and I thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of the Senate Bill 13, an Act Concerning Fair Treatment of Incarcerated Women. I reside in Wethersfield, Connecticut.

I am formerly incarcerated woman who has obtained a Master's degree in Public Health and a Master's degree in Social Work. Through my experience as a social worker, I have been given the opportunity to learn about trauma and identify the effects it has on individuals, groups, families, and communities. I also was privileged to learn about preventative processes necessary for the prevention of injury and violence.

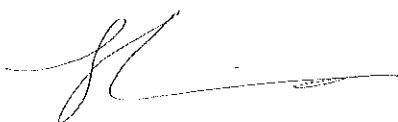
I write in support of Senate bill13 because I believe that it will provide for the opportunity for the dignity of women across the nation by developing new department of correction practices. By supporting this bill, we will become the first state taking a step toward accountability for the protection of human rights for a vulnerable population (incarcerated women).

The bill could include more for the protections of constitutional and human rights. Therefore, I ask that the committee add language to broaden these protections for incarcerated women.

I ask that you support this bill because I believe that:

- Incarcerated women deserve the same dignity of all women
- It removes the health risk to baby and mother from being shackled
- It is a constitutional right for women to know their rights
- Allows for training of DOC Staff

Sincerely,



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