

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL #HB1476

Independent Oversight and Review Board for Health Care of Inmates in State Correctional Facilities-Establishment

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To: Chairman Luke Clippinger, Madame Chair Vanessa Atterbeary and Members of the House
Judiciary Committee

Re: SUPPORT FOR BILL#HB1476

I was being treated for consistent U.T.I for several years. Every two or three months I was placing a sick call slip to be seen for another U.T.I. In 2009, I was finally recommended to see a specialist who then ran a series of tests, microscopic, labs. I was diagnosed with Kidney disease. I was then referred to a chronic care provider at M.C.I.W. I was seen by her every three months only to have my medications renewed for High Blood Pressure, High Cholesterol, and Thyroid medication. I explained to her on numerous occasions that I have received three different kinds of antibiotics for reoccurring U.T.I. this continued until the Year of 2017 when she decided for me to see a GYN he then examined me and referred me to a Female GYN and uterine specialist. She prescribed me with medications and I was to report back to her in a month as a follow up. It took Four months to see her because the Institution was either short on staff, or vehicles were not available or the scheduled time was changed. I was not seen by her until my release from prison, of which I have been receiving proper care now but have spent the last four months in continue medical care to access the damage that has been done during my Thirty-Two Years of incarceration. Many times I have submitted ARPS concerning my medical care and was told that because I received antibiotics I was seen and treated for my problem. Antibiotics was not the proper care I needed, I was being treated for what I thought was UTI was not the proper diagnoses. I had blood in my urine but it was not from a UTI it was from my Kidney. Many of the women there are being miss diagnosed and have died from heart attacks, being sent back to their rooms with Pepto Bismol for indigestion, later being rushed to the Hospital and not returning. I plead with you to please hear our voices and plea for help and make a difference in the medical care we receive while we are incarcerated. We are individuals who made bad choices and decisions but we are still human beings who deserve proper medical care and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Boyd