Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

First let me say that I do not condone my sons criminal activity.

My 26 year old son Louis is in SCI Fayette in the State of Pennsylvania. He has an extensive psychiatric history starting at the age of eight. Louis has spent almost his entire time (2 1/2 - 3 years) in solitary at Fayette. Louis is, as I write, spending six straight months in the RHU.

Last summer when he spent four months in solitary his letters became very dark and strange. Nothing I have ever seen in him before. Ever. I attributed this darkness to the fact that on May 30, 2011 (while in the RHU) he was severely beaten and airlifted to a hospital.

Louis was given more RHU time because he did not remember the incident when questioned by the investigators.

Louis has been in the RHU since April and will not go back to GP until October. His letters are already becoming dark. I truely FEAR what this is doing to his already documented psychosis.

I, my State Representitive, the HRC and others have requested a transfer to SCI Waymart for psychiatric evaluation and intensive psychotherapy. Mr. Wetzel, Mr. Coleman and others have refused to accept Louis's written evaluations from his past. The staff at Fayette said they would need a signed HIPPA from Louis back in June of 2011. I provided one on July 7, 2011 and on August 13, 2011 Rhonda House said that they were "under no obligation" to share medical information or accept his histories.

Mr. Coleman (Superintendent Fayette) has written that he has "confidence" in the medical staff. Louis has been given Celexa an antidepression medication. Louis has never been diagnosed with depression. He has started and stopped his medication several times.

I have grievances from Louis begging for help. Begging for medication. Being denied medication by a guard and then being told "he was non-compliant".

I have documentation to prove everything I have stated in this letter. I have Louis grievances. I have certified letters and faxes. I have the bogus denials to Louis' grievances.

The reason I have told you all of this is because on May 31, 2012 a guard assaulted my son while he was in the RHU. The facts of this incident are so disturbing that I will not repeat the details at this time.

I am extremely scared of what all of this time in isolation will do to Louis. He has told me it "messes with my mind". That statement coming from Louis is very disturbing. I fear that not only the isolation but the private access the guards have to my son may exacerbate his already documented psychiatric conditions.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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