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[Correctional Managed Health Care Committee](#)

Public Comments

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First Name

Vernon

Last Name

Caldwell

Title

Retired Private Citizen

Organization you are affiliated with

Non

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City

Frisco

State

Texas

Your Comments or Concerns

My understanding is that members of your Texas Sunset Advisory Commission will be visiting the TDCJ O'Daniel unit on Tuesday 10/15/2024. I would simply ask that while on the unit that you ask to speak with my daughter who is an inmate at this facility. She has been in TDCJ for 32 years and has severe pulmonary disease. Ask her to tell you about her experience over the last 6 months working the UTMB units medical staff trying to get a "Heat Score" so that she can remain in a "Cool Bed" and not be placed in a single cell "Restrictive Housing". When she has severe asthma attacks, she cannot call for help and must rely upon inmates around her to notify the Correction Officers that she is having a medical emergency. This is an extremely serious safety issue.

My daughters name: Krissi Lynn Caldwell
TDCJ #: 644824

Respectfully,
Vernon R. Caldwell

Your Proposed Solution

Unfortunately, I don't have solution. I've worked on this problem for several months and all I've been able to get is lots of finger pointing between TDCJ and UTMB. If it's this hard to solve a problem as the parent on an inmate with a serious medical and related safety problem, then quite frankly I have no clue how an inmate has any hope of getting help for themselves.

I don't think the public in general understands how badly reform is need at both the TDCJ and UTMB, and this isn't the only problem that needs to be addressed.

Again,
Respectfully,
Vernon R. Caldwell

My Comments Will Be Made Public

Yes