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SCDC concerned about several issues the first one is the painting the windows black or blocking windows on the prisons. I am aware several detention facilities statewide have no windows however the inmates by law are allotted one hour of being outside daily. Because SCDC is short staffed this does not happen and therefore their civil rights are violated. Also the Re-Entry for inmates is non existent..I know two inmates in the past month that have been released with no Re-Entry plan or programs to help them. I know one has a very violent history has mental and health issues just turned out into the streets and a danger for himself as well as the community. The guards are indifferent to the inmates and turn their heads when fights happen or when inmates need medical or mental health. Just last month alone when several citizens called the prisons because air conditioners not working and fans were not provided. The guards finally provided the fans then turned around to shut the door flaps that have been open the inmates stuck their hands in door flaps to prevent them being shut. I then read in the news about a guard facing charges stabbing inmate in the arm with pen because inmate did not want door flap closed. This is just an example of what happens and how these inmates are treated. I would like to invite the Oversight Committee to visit the SCDC prisons unannounced so you can see for yourself what actually goes on. In the past two in a half years the death toll has risen in SCDC prisons and several of them could have been prevented. Not only this SCDC has covered up and continues to cover up the deaths and assaults that happen the real number we may never know. The inmates have suffered living in inhumane conditions and witnessing deaths and assaults with no aide rendered to the victims. There have been deaths that were contributed by the guards directly or indirectly but non the less the guards failed to do the job that is required of them. One inmate quoted "We are in prison for committing a crime and paying our debt, but every day crimes are committed by the guards and SCDC " my question is when is anyone going to listen to these men that are suffering?? Why does SCDC not look at the people that are employed for the crimes they are committing. If SCDC is not committing any crimes then I ask Mr. Stirling why does SCDC continue to lie and cover up the truth?

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