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## Page 2: About Agencies Scheduled for Study

**Q1** Please share any comments, suggestions or concerns you may have about these agencies, including any observations about the way the agency shares information online. Please note your responses will be posted online and may be included in a Committee report.

Corrections, Department of

I am writing on behalf an inmate at Perry Correctional facility. He was sent to Perry for solitary confinement over a year ago. Since arrive there he has been out of doors twice. Three times a week he is allowed to shower and that is the only time he leaves his cell. He gets no rec time, is not allowed to receive anything – books, funds for canteen, I cannot send him news articles or magazines. Windows are covered so there is no natural light, there is poor circulation of air and he is often sick. Requests to seek medical attention are slow to respond. Food is minimal and often cold. Inmates are supposed to be given cleaning supplies once a week to clean their cells, but this is often delayed due to short staffing. He began writing grievances at which point they allowed him outside once and photographed him as evidence of being outside but has not been allowed out since. The facility has also begun limiting materials to file grievances. We communicate once a week by phone and by letters. After serving a year in these conditions with no charges he is eligible to join the step down program. He just learned that there is only room for 15 in the class and all positions have been filled. He will need to wait another 6 months and hope for a chance then. We hear that you want to know what is going on in South Carolina prisons. This is an account of one individual but there are hundreds more with similar stories not being told. Every session we hear about reform but little changes. I am imploring you to take action and not turn a blind eye to the disgraceful way these human beings are being treated.

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Page 3: There are three questions seeking general information.

Q2 What is your age?	55-64 years old
Q3 Which best describes your current role?	Not a South Carolina resident and do not fall into any of the categories above
Q4 In which county do you live?	Respondent skipped this question