Ending the Unethical Use of Solitary Confinement in Pennsylvania
PA Senate Democratic Policy Committee Hearing, co-hosted by Senator John Kane and Rep. Tina Davis
August 10, 11 a.m.
Chester City Hall

Opening Remarks
Senator Katie Muth, Policy Committee Chair
Senator John Kane
Rep. Tina Davis

Panel 1: Survivors and Family
Cynthia Alvarado, Philadelphia
Lisa Kessler, Central Pennsylvania
Patricia Vickers, Philadelphia
Dr. Rev. Chris Kimmenez, Executive Director, Healing Communities PA; Pastor, Lombard Central Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia

Panel 2: Experts
Judith Resnik, Arthur Liman Professor of Law, Yale Law School
Lauren Brinkley-Rubinstein, Author of “Association of Restrictive Housing During Incarceration With Mortality After Release,” and Associate Professor of Social Medicine at UNC
Stuart Grassian, Author of “Psychiatric Effects of Solitary Confinement”

Panel 3: Advocates
Rev. Sandra Strauss, Director of Advocacy & Ecumenical Outreach for the Pennsylvania Council of Churches
Robert Saleem Holbrook, Executive Director, Abolitionist Law Center
Jessica Sandoval, Executive Director, Unlock The Box National Campaign to End Solitary Confinement
Lee Awbrey, First Assistant, Office of the Public Defender

Closing Remarks
Senator Katie Muth