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I have also enclosed a medical release form since we may not have sent you one with our first packet. At any rate, I did not receive one back from you.

- Please be aware that these cases are almost impossible to win. In your case, there might be some problem distinuguishing harm done by the guards versus harm done to you by the fight. It is also difficult to overcome officer testimony if they all get together and tell the same false story. I am not sure that I can take your case, but I will examine the records closely to see if there is a way to challenge the officers' account of their assault on you.
- We do keep track of these kinds of beat ups by officers. I have frequently heard the story of inmates getting beaten up for coming off the wall, when the inmate says it was in fact an unprovoked attack by an officer. I keep track of those guards and those institutions. I cannot do a FOIL request for all such attacks because I need permission from the inmate to obtain his records. They won't send them out otherwise. We speak to the department of corrections about these kinds of incidents, but the best thing you can do is grieve them. You said in your letter that you did grieve it. Do you have a copy? If so, please send it to me and I will copy it and send it back to you.

I am very hopeful that our new governor, David Patterson, will be more amenable to making changes in corrections that will end these kinds of attacks.

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