

O'Bannon

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"Helen O'Bannon, Pennsylvania Secretary of Welfare, concedes Pennhurst is still more restrictive than necessary, but that returning inmates to the Community won't work, not because they're not ready for the outside world, but because the outside world might not be ready for them."

Helen O'Bannon

"We should in no way be forced to dump these people into unaccepting, hostile environments where they can't get services and where they will be shoved to the back rooms and the attics that replace the back wards of these institutions of yesteryear. I just can't tolerate that and that is what the plaintiffs in this case would have us do."

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