

Public Statement for Early Release

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Good morning my name is Amanda and I am a member of Return Strong. My boyfriend is currently incarcerated at NNCC and has been in the Nevada prisons for 15 years. He has told me that the treatment they have received during this Covid outbreak is the worst that he seen in his whole 15 years of being incarcerated. They are not being fed foods that can help keep their immune systems strong, they are not given proper PPE and my boyfriend has been using the same mask since this pandemic started. There is no social distancing and the incarcerated are being moved around into different units without being tested, then waiting for the results to come back. That is how this outbreak happened at NNCC in the first place, because of culinary workers getting split into two units after they had been exposed and they were not tested before moving them. My boyfriend tested positive for Covid earlier this month and was sick for two weeks. He only got medication twice. When he asked for more, he was told by the nurse that they didn't have any more medicine because everybody had "been greedy" (her words) when they first gave it out and they didn't know when they were going to be getting more. They were told to tough it out unless they had to go to the hospital on a ventilator. This should've never happened in the first place. the NDOC needs to be responsible for the people in their custody and do everything they can to protect them. That includes early release for those who are eligible. It would thin out the prison population so that the ones that are still inside are able to properly social distance and it would give those with weakened immune systems or those with less than a year left before their release date the chance to be home and not be exposed to COVID-19 any longer. These people have not received a death sentence. Please do not make this turn into one for them. Thank you