

Hello, my name is _____ and I stand with Return Strong: Families United for Justice for the Incarcerated. I am here today to be a voice for my fiancé who is currently finishing his sentence at Southern Desert Correctional Center.

We have heard time and time again from Nevada Department of corrections that very few if any are eligible to medical release. Well this is a plea for a compassionate release.

My fiancé is 57 years old and has at this point served over 90% of his sentence which expires in April of 2021.

He suffers from diabetes and heart disease and now, his mental health has taken a drastic turn for the worst.

Recently he wrote "I'm sitting here in this cold box, no heat, no extra blanket with my mental health failing- I was sentenced to 2-6 not the death penalty—not knowing if ill ever see my children again has my mind playing tricks on me"

He has not seen a doctor in 90 days despite repeatedly asking to do so and the only alternative is calling a man down for which they will incur a fee of \$75-\$100. We are afraid that my fiancé would not survive this disease.

It is ironic that the institution offers the program TRUST which he successfully completed where he says he learned to have compassion and empathy yet he is not treated with the same compassion and empathy they are teaching.

The bottom line is that my fiancé is not getting the care he needs like many others and if NDOC cannot keep him safe for the next 4 months we ask that Governor Sisolak saves his life by enforcing the power he has to sign an executive order calling for compassionate release. Please send him home to us.