

Return strong

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Hello, my name is _____ and I stand with Return Strong: Families United for Justice for the Incarcerated.

One of the many letters we have received is from a person at Warm Springs. He is incarcerated for non-violent offenses and states, "I saw people receive meds and others denied, me being one. Smell and taste, I haven't had those senses for a month now. Once 1 person tested positive, everyone else was forced to stay housed with the infected and then come to receive the virus also, including myself. From November 5th to 16th, we never received a hot meal or any care when we were sick, no showers regularly and no phones. Every day were cold meals and on the 13th we found maggots in our food. Staff took pictures of it. We still don't get fed normal times...it could be breakfast at 6:30 am or 11 am, dinner at 4pm or 7pm

I was supposed to be on chronic care for asthma and high blood pressure, but recently they have told me I'm not, even though I am given an inhaler and on blood pressure meds. I also told the doctor in a kite that I am having a lot of lung problems and no one has replied or seen me.

I would like to reference the 317 home confinement program.

"Eligible inmates that have been convicted of crimes other than Driving Under the Influence are referred by the Department of Corrections to Parole and Probation for supervision. The inmate must demonstrate a willingness and ability to establish a position of employment in the community, demonstrate a willingness and ability to enroll in a program for education or rehabilitation, or demonstrate an ability to pay for all or part of the costs of his confinement and to meet any existing obligation for restitution to any victim of his crime". This man deserves the right to live and we urge you to look at the programs in place by the state of Nevada at this time, such as Residential Confinement and the 317 program and apply them to all eligible individuals. Thank you.