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My name is Denise Bolanos, and I am a member of return Strong: families united for justice for the incarcerated. My husband who has been in prison for 10 years wrongfully convicted, is currently recovering from COVID. My husband's unit in Lovelock Correctional Center is currently locked down and has been since November 17th for COVID as many people were showing symptoms. Shortly after that multiple units at Lovelock started locking down for COVID. This honestly did not come as a surprise to me as CO's were being called to work in Warm Springs after their MASSIVE outbreak and then returning to normal functions in Lovelock. Although it was just a matter of time and I was expecting it, the anguish I felt when I received a phone call from a friend saying not to expect a call from my husband was terrifying none the less. My husband has a heart condition and that alongside the horrific supposed health care incarcerated people receive, has us fearing COVID could be a death sentence for him. The past few weeks of not hearing from my husband for days on end, and then speaking to him when he could barely breathe just to tell me he was ok and that he would call when he could, have been by far the most emotionally draining time in the past 10 years that he has been inside. Already my family is dealing with a potential eviction and I am now recovering from COVID myself after being severely ill. To add to that I have to worry that my husband is dealing with the those same awful symptoms that I had warm in my bed but he is doing it in a cold cell without the comforts I had like over the counter medications to treat my array of symptoms. There are thousands of wives and husbands and mothers and sisters across the state that are in my same shoes and I would like to publicly demand that Governor Sisolak & director Daniels attends the townhall meeting being held on December 15th via zoom and being streamed on Facebook Live to respond questions from the constituents of this state on NDOC gross mishandling and lack of transparency during this pandemic.

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