

***Okay, here we go. All those that currently have a loved one residing inside of a CDCR facility - I have drafted a letter that I will be immediately emailing. I implore you to take the letter, change the wording to reflect your own situation and lets flood Judge Tigars email. This is something that will literally take you 60 seconds (if that).***

***The letter is coming from the perspective of a wife, but will only take but a few key strokes to change the wording in the first sentence to reflect your relationship with your incarcerated loved one. Please copy, paste, send to Judge Tigar and SHARE, SHARE, SHARE!!!***

***Let me just remind you that in at least one of Judge Tigars meetings he fought tears, it was very apparent that he was emotionally moved by the situation. Let's also remember that Judge Tigar made a landmark ruling that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation had violated the rights of an incarcerated transgender woman by denying her sex reassignment surgery while in prison.***

***This is a progressive, liberal judge. Let's get these letters into him.***

Dear Judge Tigar,

I am married to an individual currently incarcerated at one of CDCR's 35 facilities. I attended the July 16th Case Management Conference. It would be beneficial for Your Honor to be aware of what you were not privy to during your tour of CMF. As I am sure you can agree, the people that know what is going on in the prisons are those that are incarcerated and those people that they share their experiences with, their loved ones.

There is a network of thousands of people who share information about their incarcerated loved ones. This information is shared daily and the network responds with what their incarcerated loved one has advised as well. Due to this continual sharing of information, trends and similarities in experiences can be found.

During the July 16th Case Management Conference you spoke of your recent tour to the California Medical Facility and advised that the tour revealed no issues and that everything "looked good". During your tour, the network was becoming aware that Your Honor and Governor Newsom were there. As this information about your tour was spreading through the network, it became clear that you were not being shown parts of the facility that you needed to see. Your tour only consisted of the "clean" places. The men inside said the tour didn't actually reveal the "issues". In fact, it appeared to the incarcerated that you were purposely only shown the areas that were presentable.

The network has been advised that the incarcerated inside of SQ are made to clean the living areas and remove the belongings of those infected by CoVid-19. If they do not comply, they are threatened with being written up. They are quite literally, not allowed to protect themselves without fear of punishment. Men that have no choice but to work for pennies an hour are

watching men around them die from this horrible disease, they are watching these men sick and barely able to breathe, they are watching and are fearful the same will happen to them. They are understandably scared and not allowed to remove themselves from infected areas and forced to continue to work.

In multiple other facilities, the network has learned that people who have been tested are being placed back into the general population before test results are back. Worst still, those that have tested positive are being put in cells with those that are negative and told to social distance. Social distancing in a cell consists of laying their head at the foot of their bed, while the other person lays their head at the head of their bed. I would challenge anyone to consider how they would feel if this was their loved one forced to endure these inhumane conditions.

This combined with being threatened with everything from a 115 write up to time in solitary confinement and on at least a few occasions there have been reports of incarcerated people getting direct threats regarding their upcoming parole hearings if they do not participate in the cleaning and moving of belongings in infected areas.

Multiple people from multiple prisons are all reporting that they are receiving 2 meals a day. 2 very skimpy sack lunches for grown men. So on top of being stuck in what can only be described as a concrete petri dish, while being made to clean up after the infected they are also eating small and questionable bagged lunches.

Additionally, regarding the sack lunches, since this is very little, many people rely on their loved ones to put money into their accounts for other/extra food. That money is traditionally split, with 45% to the incarcerated and 55% towards any restitution they owe. With the infections on the rise and health and nutrition being of paramount importance, suspending the percentage allotted to restitution could be a literal life saver.

I am asking Your Honor to take this information and do what is needed to save the lives of those incarcerated. Please effect change and be a voice for those who have none. These are unprecedented times and as such, we need something to be done that has not been done before. We need a leader, like yourself, to help the helpless. Should you ever want to have a town hall to further discuss the issues surrounding the incarcerated, their loved ones will be there.

Thank you for your time, as it is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,