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BOPC Meeting Public Comment #2 10-25-21

My name is Patricia Adkisson, my comments relate to the previous notice, that both my husband Michael Adkisson and myself have provided to this board, significantly, to you Governor. Our actions relate to our civic duty and not because we have sought to exploit a liability for damages stemming from the NDOC unlawful unilateral actions related to many NDOC administrative regulations. Combined with this board's failure to comply with the Nevada Administrative Procedures Act, when it acts on the related approval of administrative regulations. However, Governor this board continues to ignore the law related to this matter and has utterly failed to acknowledge the NRS 233B Petition submitted. This board's unreasonable course of conduct is in direct conflict with the official acknowledgement found at exhibit 10, submitted at the April 20th board meeting, which expressly acknowledges that the Director cannot approve ANY temporary Administrative Regulations and further that this board must comply with the Nevada administrative procedures act when approving any regulation. The countermanding claim that Administrative Regulation 100 can be utilized to approve a temporary AR demonstrates the need, that you governor, must step forward in order to ensure the laws are followed. You cannot simply rely upon the status quo in order to proceed. AR 100 is functionally invalid. The Director cannot grant himself power that the legislature expressly forbids. This board continues to function as a body to simply rubber stamp whatever the sitting director insists upon. This practice has caused a loss of confidence in each of our elected members of this board. Additionally, this board continues to ignore the requirements set forth by NRS chapter 241 Governing Public Meetings, which mandates the production of the draft minutes within 30 days. This renders any action taken invalid. My request on Aug.31<sup>st</sup> to the Public Information Officer, continues to go unfilled related to the July 27th meeting. Governor, there isn't even a published phone number to reach out to you, or manner enabling the public to report on any improper conduct. NDOC controls all aspects of these meetings and access to our officials... the fox is guarding the hen house. My husband and I stand ready to elaborate as needed. Thank you again.

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PUBLIC COMMENT BOPC MEETING 10/25/2021

Good afternoon, my name is Patricia Adkisson ADKISSON. My comments today relate to the ongoing visitation restrictions. At the April 20<sup>th</sup> board meeting, Director Daniels reported 2474 active employees, of which 831 were fully vaccinated, with another 1237 having received the first dose of Moderna as of April 16<sup>th</sup>. Presumptively receiving the second dose by May 16<sup>th</sup>, bringing the total number of fully vaccinated to 2068 out of a possible 2474. This is a full 84% vaccinated. Likewise, the entire Inmate population seeking vaccination, has been vaccinated. Notwithstanding intake and hold outs. Governor, according to your related mandates, we are supposed to be restored to full visitation, allowing a hug and a kiss from our family members. The restrictions on visiting must now be removed. It is universally understood that mandates to get a vaccine cannot compel vaccination, however, equally important is the understanding that the unvaccinated, by their own choice, no longer enjoy the same standing. It is these individuals that pose the risk. The small number of unvaccinated inmates can no longer be the excuse to lock down or to quarantine prisons and to restrict visits. This is a conflict with your related mandates and appears to implicate a policy decision to exploit the Cares Act for related funds. This is a great concern to the public trust. I strongly encourage this board to take immediate action as promised to return to normal operations and visits. If any concerns persist, related to the minority of unvaccinated inmates, the unvaccinated inmate population should be combined into exclusive housing units and not be utilized as an excuse, just as your own mandate prevents unvaccinated staff from participating in work. Uniformity related to inmates, must be observed. Where this has now been established as their choice.

Governor, I must inform you, that I did properly apply for and receive an approved extended visit in advance, and one week prior to the visit, I confirmed my visit with the warden's secretary. I relied on that, even though there was a suspension of visitation at that moment, which was in conflict with my approval, they told me I still could come, as the lockdown was only for the 2 previous weekends. Two days before my visit, after I spent the money on airfare, hotel room, rental car, and arrangements of a caregiver for my paralyzed mother, I received an email at 5:23am in the morning, saying that I cancelled my own visit. That record is NOT accurate, I did not cancel my visit. So, I called the Warden's secretary and she admitted, no, they just represented it that way, that they cancelled my visit. I think it's time Governor, that you pay a little closer attention to what's going on. I think you need to open the visits up. At NNCC, silver state industry workers can go to work, despite a claim that the rest of the prison is locked down for COVID. Why they get preferential treatment, and no other workers are allowed to go, workers that do not test positive, is not a uniform application and operation. This has now resulted in a financial hardship to me, where they cancel my visit 48 hours in advance before I'm supposed to get on the plane. Please open the prisons for visits. Thank you.



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Good afternoon, I have prepared a statement that I would like to read to you. My name is Faith Adkisson ADKISSON. My father is an inmate at NNCC. I want this board to consider the hardships that I experience, related to your visitation restrictions. My mother was three months pregnant with me, when she was attacked. My father came to our aid, saving my life and my mothers. My dad was found guilty of second-degree murder, and I have never had my father at home. I have grown up with only a hug and a kiss at each visit. My family has taught me to respect our officials, and to strive for success in my life. My dad's guidance and advice has taught me to stand up for my community and to do the right thing. The visits that we have are NEVER enough, but at least we could hold hands and plays cards and feel like a real family, even if only for a few hours. Governor, I know you have daughters and I wonder how you would feel if you were not allowed to hug or kiss your kids or to limit your visits. I will graduate from high school this coming May, not only with my diploma, but I will have also earned my associate degree as well. I take my responsibilities seriously, and next year, I will be able to vote. Soon, it will be my generation that shapes our government. I hope you will not ignore me until then.

Thank you very much, Faith Adkisson