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To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 10:58 PM
Cc: <fuji@return-strong.org>

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Thank You,

Lori Wrobel

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To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 7:56 PM
Cc: <fuji@return-strong.org>

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From: Barbara Reed <barbara.reed25@yahoo.com>
To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 7:54 PM
Cc: Jodi Hocking <returnstrong.fuji.nv@gmail.com>

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Barbara Reed

In Solidarity!

Jodi!

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From: Misty Stewart <mistystewart022@gmail.com>
To: <BOPC@doc.nv.gov>, <FUJI@return-strong.org>
Date: 4/26/2022 6:05 PM

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To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 5:10 PM
Subject: Return Strong
Cc: <FUJI@return-strong.org>

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Thank You,

Your Name

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Jodi!

bopc - BoPC public comment 4.22.22

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To: "bopc@doc.nv.gov" <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 4:06 PM
Subject: BoPC public comment 4.22.22
Cc: "fuji@return-strong.org" <fuji@return-strong.org>

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bopc - Call for Action

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To: "bopc@doc.nv.gov" <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 3:36 PM
Subject: Call for Action
Cc: "fuji@return-strong.org" <fuji@return-strong.org>

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bopc - BOPC 04/2022

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To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 3:20 PM
Subject: BOPC 04/2022
Cc: <FUJI@return-strong.org>

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bopc - BoPC Public Comment 4.28.22

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To: <BOPC@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 3:03 PM
Subject: BoPC Public Comment 4.28.22
Cc: Fuji <fuji@return-strong.org>

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*Thank You,
Elizabeth Quintero*

Sent from my iPhone

bopc - Re: Return Strong Letter to the Board of Prison Commissioners, Nevada

From: Rita Dixit-Kubiak <sunrise1055@gmail.com>
To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 2:33 PM
Subject: Re: Return Strong Letter to the Board of Prison Commissioners, Nevada
Cc: <fuji@return-strong.org>

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bopc - Board of Prison Commissioners Meeting 4/28/2022

From: karyn koepke <karynkoepke@gmail.com>
To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 2:08 PM
Subject: Board of Prison Commissioners Meeting 4/28/2022

My name is Karyn, and I am a member of Return Strong. As you all are aware, we have been attending Prison Board of Commissioner meetings to give public comment for a year and a half. Since June of 2021, when the state emergency was lifted, we have repeatedly asked to keep public comments accessible to us through virtual/telephonic means. Not once have we received a response from NDOC or through our requests to the AG's office and open meeting law. We understand that you are not required to allow virtual means, but most state agencies are and we are here to raise the voices of families and our loved ones who are impacted by the decisions made at this table. YET, it seems as if you have chosen to interfere in that process in order to silence us. While we all have loved ones who are incarcerated in Nevada, that does not mean that we all have the ability to fly, drive, take trains and buses to get to Las Vegas or Carson City to give a two minutes statement. A statement that often, isn't ever addressed, that appears to raise no concern from the Board and often, just looks like our public officials, could care less about being here or understanding the impact of your decisions.

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From: Sonya Williams <sonya702@gmail.com>
To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 2:03 PM
Subject: Board of Prison Commissioners Meeting 4/28/2022

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bopc - Written Comment re: Board of Prison Commissioners meeting on 4/28/22

From: Mark Bettencourt <mbette03401@gmail.com>
To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 1:26 PM
Subject: Written Comment re: Board of Prison Commissioners meeting on 4/28/22

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bopc - April 28 Board of State Prison Commissioners public meeting

From: Prem Dixit <premdixitnag@yahoo.com>
To: "bopc@doc.nv.gov" <bopc@doc.nv.gov>, Jodi Hocking <returnstrong.fuji.nv@...>
Date: 4/26/2022 12:00 PM
Subject: April 28 Board of State Prison Commissioners public meeting

April 26, 2022

Good Morning,

My name is Premilla Dixit Nag, a member of Return Strong.

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NDOC's Administrative Regulations are created and revised by law - Statutes. Surely if NDOC is violating law, and its governing vision and goals, it should at the least be held to a standard of accountability that its wards - the incarcerated- are held to for law-breaking.

NDOC's own "5-year plan" (from Governor Sandoval's time) to become a 21st century operation to provide a state-wide culture change in corrections from being punitive to being collaborative and rehabilitative" promised more than it has delivered.

As we understand it the following statutes establish line of authority with NDOC governance:

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“The Criminal Investigators of the OIG perform investigations regarding Staff Misconduct, in accordance with the Administrative Regulations and Nevada Administrative Codes. If you believe you are aware of employee misconduct and would like to advise the OIG, please email ig@doc.nv.gov....due to the high volumes of information being delivered and requested, we cannot guarantee that we will respond to all of these email requests.”

Where along this line of promise, vision and goals, oversight and accountability does operational oversight repeatedly fail, in order to produce the very unacceptable outcomes for our incarcerated loved ones, and our families, (in violation of NDOC's own stated vision and goals), as documented in the Governors Internal Audits of NDOC operations?

We need to know and we need this failure remedied without delay, we need transparency from those accountable for making the changes and we need direct and clear lines of communication with this chain of command.

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bopc - BoPC public Comment

From: <deemikia83@gmail.com>
To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 10:36 AM
Subject: BoPC public Comment
Cc: Fuji <fuji@return-strong.org>

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bopc - In regards to current trends in public engagement

From: Branden Cunningham <bcunningham980@gmail.com>
To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 10:09 AM
Subject: In regards to current trends in public engagement
Cc: <fuji@return-strong.org>

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bopc - BOPC Public Comment 04/2022

From: Denise Bolanos Heredia <bilingueconcepts@gmail.com>
To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 9:29 AM
Subject: BOPC Public Comment 04/2022
Cc: <fuji@return-strong.org>

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bopc

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To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>

Date: 4/26/2022 9:27 AM

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From: Toni Tatum <mrstonitatum051819@gmail.com>
To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 9:04 AM
Subject: BoPc COMMENT 4.22.22
Cc: <fuji@return-strong.org>

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To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 9:04 AM
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bopc - Concerns about the use oif COVID to deny inmates of basic human rights

From: roberty transtexassurveying.com <roberty@transtexassurveying.com>
To: "bopc@doc.nv.gov" <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 8:58 AM
Subject: Concerns about the use oif COVID to deny inmates of basic human rights
Cc: "fuji@return-strong.org" <fuji@return-strong.org>

For the past 18 months, Return Strong has organized families and our activists to attend Board of Prison Commissioners meetings to lift the voices of incarcerated people in the face of blatantly incorrect information that was being "reported" by NDOC and we have had many successes.

We won a stay of the restitution deductions for 5 months and then were able to pass legislation that capped those deductions, and made that law. It was HUGE.

We won a seat at the table with the COVID task force, who at the time, had not even added incarcerated people to the agenda in the midst of an outbreak in Nevada prisons.

We were able to get NDOC to recognize our family councils and won an avenue to voice our concerns with administration.

At the time, all testimony was given at public comments, a space set aside for us, stakeholders, the public, impacted people to have a voice. Due to COVID, public comments were given by call in telephonically. When the state of emergency lifted, state agencies had a choice to allow in person or virtual comments, and most use a hybrid method of both, but not the Prison Board of Commissioners and NDOC. Everything must be in person, even though they KNOW that the people who want a voice are either incarcerated OR potentially live anywhere in the world, we have a loved one in Nevada prison, we don't have to live there.

They are intentionally stifling our voice and we had MUCH to say about medical neglect, about visitation inconsistencies, about a lack of programing and how deeply they are warehousing our loved ones, about rehabilitation and re-entry, about compassionate release, about the issues with the pardon board, about the lack of food and nutrition, about the violations of due process and the stalling of the legal process...and SO much more.

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Inmates are in prison for a reason, but there is no reason to deny them of fresh air, sunshine, and adequate nutrition especially based on using COVID as a reason for EVERYTHING.

Robert L. Young R.P.L.S.



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bopc - ATTN: Board of Prison Commissioners

From: Suzanne B <two2beam@me.com>
To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 8:50 AM
Subject: ATTN: Board of Prison Commissioners
Cc: <fuji@return-strong.org>

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Thank You,

Susan Brown

Sent from my iPad

bopc

From: Sherry B <sbazile1951@gmail.com>
To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>, <fuji@return-strong.org>
Date: 4/26/2022 8:26 AM

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bopc - Attention Prison Board of Commissioner

From: Carly Born <carly@mnkyudo.org>
To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 8:00 AM
Subject: Attention Prison Board of Commissioner

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Thank You,

Carly J. Born

bopc

From: Betty Guess <guess.betty@gmail.com>
To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 7:54 AM
Cc: <fuji@return-strong.org>

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bopc - Public Comment for BoPC 4/28/22

From: Estée Padgett <vegasraised206@gmail.com>
To: <bopc@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 7:27 AM
Subject: Public Comment for BoPC 4/28/22
Cc: <fuji@returnstrong.org>

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From: Christie Kovello <ckovello@gmail.com>
To: <BOPC@doc.nv.gov>
Date: 4/26/2022 7:22 AM
Subject: Fwd: BPOC Meeting

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From: Christie Kovello <ckovello@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 26, 2022 at 7:20 AM
Subject: BPOC Meeting
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4. We propose a shared space that includes the BoPC's, NDOC, Return Strong, Mass Lib and the ACLU as well as any other organizations specifically doing work with incarcerated people to come together and have real, two-way conversations around concerns, with proposed solutions and collaborate or negotiate through those concerns to improve services and support to those impacted by incarceration.

5. We demand that the State of Nevada find avenues to hold NDOC accountable AND provide oversight. The level of complaints coming towards this agency and Director Daniels is beyond concerning and the lack of action by state officials is negligent. I want to share with you the impact of the repeated price markups of basic necessities in the offenders' store and lack of oversight by the Nevada Department of Corrections has had on my family.

In the Pulitzer-winning novel by John Steinbeck, *The Grapes of Wrath*, a family travels to California during the great depression to look for work. When the family obtains a job picking peaches, the mother goes to the company store to buy food for their dinner, which is owned and operated by the farming operation. She finds that the prices are overpriced, but there are no other options, if they want to eat. There are no other shops, and she is forced to use their meager wages to purchase food from the company store at inflated prices.

John Steinbeck wrote this novel in 1939, 83 years ago. Today, in 2022, I stand in front of you, as the real-life mother who has unlimited love in my heart for my family and just want to see that their needs are met. Much like the mother in *The Grapes of Wrath*, I have limited income and only one place to shop the offenders store, also known as the commissary. My family and others in Nevada are being exploited by the Nevada Department of Corrections and their 40% increase in prices at the NDOC commissary.

The prices for items in the commissary have increased 8 times over the last year, despite the contracted vendor, Keefe only being allowed to raise prices once a year. I was sickened to learn that a recent audit of NDOC's fiscal processes outlined that over the course a year, commissary prices netted the department over 5 million in profit. This is profit off the backs of already struggling Nevada families.

I am helping to care for my grandchildren, who are now part of the statistic of children in the United States with incarcerated parents. Children with one parent incarcerated are more likely to have long term physical and mental health concerns, lower lifetime earnings and unstable living than those that do not. Your increase in prices, and the commissions that NDOC are receiving not only affect me, but also my grandchildren.

It is no secret that meals in the NDOC prison system are historically low in nutritional value and in portion sizes. During lockdowns, or periods of inadequate staffing, meals are sometimes not even served. Food purchased from the commissary is often the only supplemental nutrition that incarcerated individuals have access to. Have you ever gone to bed hungry? Have you ever received a letter from one of your children describing hunger pains and what it's like to go to bed hungry? Imagine having to choose between supplementing nutrition and basic needs for your son or buying diapers and nutritional food items for your grandchildren?

Not only are families bearing the financial and emotional burden of supplying food to their loved ones, but also basic necessities that NDOC have deemed to be a luxury. Inmates are given one roll of toilet paper per week. Is using more than one roll of toilet paper really a luxury? Imagine that your only bathing option is a

shared shower area...Aren't shower sandals a necessity for health reasons? Basic necessities are not luxuries, they are part of the 8th amendment that requires prison officials to adhere to evolving standards of decency. Nevada has had formal regulation since 2010, and yet, 12 years later in 2022, prices of commissary items remain unregulated. Why?

By continuing to pass the cost of imprisoning individuals to families and loved ones in our Nevada communities, we continue to perpetuate the cycle of disadvantage. Not only does this perpetuate disadvantage in our communities but within the prison system itself. Disadvantaged offenders with limited access to funds will struggle to purchase basic necessities such as food, clothing, and hygiene items, creating tension within the prisons. Increased disparity and larger gaps between the haves and have nots in the prison continue to create a safety risk for offenders and your officers. By continuing to exploit Nevada families and their loved ones, you continue to create unsafe environments for everyone involved.

The audit also points out that NDOC misclassified over forty-three thousand dollars of weapons purchases that were classified as inmate driven costs. Weapons are long term, fixed assets and by misclassifying these objects, the NDOC has also misstated costs to the Nevada Legislature. This means that funding that was approved for housing, food and basic necessities for offenders was used on weapons. NDOC has essentially passed the cost of basic necessities and human decency to those of us in the community. Furthermore, the audit concluded that weapons were purchased unnecessarily and that NDOC continues to rely on lethal firearms to maintain order in its facilities, which is a direct result of inadequate staffing. Not only are you asking families to supplement basic necessities, provide supplemental nutritional items, and suffer financial and emotional tolls for your profit....You are also asking us to finance lethal weapons that your staff can choose when, where, how and who to use them on. I will not stand by and finance lethal weapons that you can use on my child or anybody elses.

Families such as mine are struggling to pay the cost items for our loved ones. We are experiencing our own instability and passing it down to future generations. We are essentially paying for budget shortcomings, misappropriated funds, and inhumane treatment of those we care about. NDOC, you created the safety issues, inadequate staffing, faulty fiscal practices, and lack of oversight and yet, with every price increase, you are asking us to struggle to pay for it.

The cost of commissary items in Nevada are disproportionately higher than other prison commissaries around the country. The continued exploitation of families, including children in our community needs to end. I am here today to ask you to stop taking commissions, reduce the cost of commissary items and to provide appropriate oversight that is in alignment with other states using the same vendors. Families are already struggling with rising housing costs, food, daycare, and healthcare costs. Stop adding an additional burden to Nevada families for your own profit. Stop creating unnecessary disparities within the walls of your facilities and in our communities.

We are available at your convenience to discuss any/all of these demands. Please email us at FUJI@return-strong.org or call [775.530.7130](tel:775.530.7130).

Thank You,

Christie Kovello

In Solidarity!