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To whom it may concern,

During this pandemic and in times since we have seen an increase in positive covid test within the NDOC prison. The lack of medical treatment and medical care has been presented as an area of concern by our loved ones that are incarcerated. This should be investigated and a resolution needs to be attempted in the issues surrounding the health care problems. Thank you for your time.

bopc - Prison Board of Commission Public Comment 10/25/21 1P:M

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Greetings, my name is Ayanna Oglesby, I am writing my Public Comment to you because I am unable to attend in person.

I am asking that there be an INDEPENDANT INVESTIGATION conducted by The Governor's office on the handling of the COVID-19 Pandemic outbreak. I am familiar with several who contracted the virus and one since his release now has severe medical issue as a result of COVID and not receiving adequate medical care, who now suffers with blood clots and very weak lungs, this is a 45-year-old ordinarily healthy black man prior to covid. He was told by his current medical Dr. that had he received proper medical attention his current medical issues could have been completely avoided. Base on new DATA recently released we see that the problem with the carelessness of NDOC and its employees our not so long-ago history is repeating itself. NDOC have not been forth coming and honest. As a member of The Nevada Inmate Family Council, I believe it is imperative that NDOC open a line of communication with us so that we are able to better convey and also bring the issues to the forefront. There are 11.000 families in the State of Nevada who are affected by the inconsistencies and lack of communication. I would like to thank you for your time regarding this matter and hope that all is considered.

Respectfully,
Ayanna Oglesby
Return Strong Activist

Nevada Strong Battle Born

bopc - Date/Time of Meeting: Monday, October 25, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

From: Barbel Warren <bwradiantly@gmail.com>
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Subject: Date/Time of Meeting: Monday, October 25, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

Governor Sisolak, Members of the Board,

A few days ago Return Strong: Families United for Justice for the Incarcerated, a Nevada collective held a press conference releasing a report called "The Silenced Voices of the Incarcerated".

The report chronicles the conditions of Nevada prisons during the pandemic through letters from the Incarcerated. As an activist with Return Strong I have personally read many of the more than 1000 letters that were collected for the report. Many of the conditions appear inhumane to me and NDOC handled the pandemic poorly at best. The 8th amendment defines the rights of the incarcerated to have humane conditions of incarceration, these letters and that report do not depict humanity, they depict horror. I personally have a son who had Covid-19 while imprisoned, and he deserved to be treated humanely, pandemic or not.

I understand that the pandemic affected us all as a community and we all had to adjust, learn and grow from it. That includes the state and NDOC. We need to improve conditions on how to handle future pandemics, and the future is NOW as cases are rising, the complaints of delays in medical care, lack of food and full facility quarantines for low numbers of cases, according to Teri Vance. Visits are closing, all of the issues that were presented in "The Silenced Voices of the Incarcerated" are creeping back in.

Governor Sisolak, I urge you to open an independent investigation into NDOC and its handling of the Incarcerated during the pandemic. Only an independent investigation can give transparent information.

Barbel Warren
Return Strong Activist

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From: Lori Festa <2lafesta@gmail.com>
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Subject: BOPC Public Comment for October 25

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To the State of Nevada Board of Prison Commissioners,

I am an advocate with Return Strong - a voice for incarcerated persons in Nevada who do not have a voice. Some of the concerns that are red flagging many of us include the following:

- Is there an independent investigation commenced by the Governors Office into the management of the pandemic & quarantine within the NDOC system?
- Is there an investigation into AB241 and what results are provided to the public?
- Is there an investigation into AR258 and results are provided to the public?
- What communications and transparencies of actions taken by the Nevada Board of Prisons & NDOC are provided to Family Counsels and Stakeholders?

We are concerned because we do not know what the Nevada Board of Prisons is doing. What are your roles as a member and how are you implementing positive leadership and decision making to better NDOC? How are you providing transparency to the public especially families and friends with loved ones incarcerated by NDOC? How is the public informed of your work? Accountability? Families, friends, and stakeholders look forward to your response and to a thorough investigation into the mismanagement of the procedures and policies that occurred during the pandemic/quarantine and continue to occur throughout NDOC.

Respectfully,
L. Festa

For Public Comment PBOC-October 25, 2021

Dear Prison Board of Commissioners Members,

Hello, my name is Nicole Tate, writing as an activist with Return Strong. To say that there are many concerns within the Nevada Department of Corrections is an understatement. In lieu of saving time I would like to highlight one of them.

The covid situation in the prison system over the past year has been nothing short of deplorable. We are the worst in the country with regards to deaths per capita according to the Marshall Project. The mistreatment and mismanagement of the pandemic within the system are the reason for this. How many people were sickened or perished within the system due to the pandemic and NDOCs continuing nonadherence to their own policies and procedures? I can assure you that it is more than what is shared on the states covid tracker for correctional facilities. It is more than what is being portrayed in statements made by Mrs. Vance, the spokesperson for NDOC in a recent news article. In the past few weeks there were 134 new incarcerated cases, 103 of which were at NNCC, much higher than the 23 cases stated by Mrs Vance. Why is this important? Because it appears that we are about to see yet another round of the suffering and mistreatment of thousands of people in the custody of NDOC. I reference you to the report, The Silenced Voices of the Incarcerated. It is eye opening to say the least.

The same treatment is continuing. Lockdowns, poor nutrition, lack of medical care, and continued staff not masking and following the rules laid out by NDOC. And it is due to these continuing issues that I sincerely ask for an independent investigation into the handling of the pandemic within NDOC. Peoples lives depend on it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nicole Tate

Prison Activist for Return Strong, Families United for the Justice of the Incarcerated

bopc - My nephew dying one month after his release from NDOC

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Subject: My nephew dying one month after his release from NDOC

My nephew Nicholas Laudise was treated so badly by the NDOC. His release date was postponed because of an accounting error made back in 2015 on an unrelated charge. This was the excuse given us by the office of inmate management. Then the days being added to his release date due to lack of programming. We thought we'd see him in October. It turned into January 21, 2021. He died on 2/21/21.

He had untreated medical issues. He was broken. I will always wonder if Nick had gotten out earlier; when he was supposed to, if he'd still be here.

I'm reliving the months now from this time last year when he was supposed to be released but delayed by the response by NDOC or lack of response to covid. He should have been released. I will always harbor a resentment that I only keep at bay so the stress doesn't kill me as well. He was a beautiful person who was given a sentence that was inhumane to begin with. He leaves behind two beautiful children. Equally broken by this archaic abusive system.