

29 Ag 2023

TO: NEVADA BOARD OF STATE PRISON COMMISSIONERS (NBSPC)

RE: 30 Ag 2023 NBSPC Meeting Submission

Honorable Commissioners, Lombardo, Ford and Aguilar:

RE: Questions for you to answer:

- 1) INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES... What is the status of the Sisolak / USDOJ agreement made 11 Feb 2021: https://archive.ada.gov/nv_doc_sa.html If this agreement assisting our NDOC incarcerated persons with disabilities is not fully operational, why not?
- 2) BOOK REVIEW COMMITTEES... Do these committees have the power to dispose of books before the prisoner has a chance to appeal? Who is on each committee at each NDOC facility and what credentials do they possess to carry out the book banning process?
- 3) TRUST PROGRAM... Are those running these institutional programs certified to do so? Who selects the study materials and are they qualified to do so?
- 4) RELEASE WITHOUT DOCUMENTS... How many NDOC incarcerated individuals are not being released without birth certificates, state identification, Social Security ready to go into effect upon release, and without their parole papers? Citizens, yet persons without a country and pushed to the brink of sanity as a result. Why is this happening? Do you realize the physical, mental, emotional and intuitive damages, not to mention placing society at large at gigantic safety risk when our released NV prisoners have zero money and less hope of getting help outside the gates before they fall to pieces and lash out at others because these inhumane human rights violations are stopped?
- 5) FAILURE TO CARRY OUT ACCESS TO LAW LIBRARY MATERIALS... Isn't this violation of AR 722 that we hear about frequently ultimately keeping our prisoners inside longer and exposing them to danger, disease, and mental health decline, not to mention anger against authority?
- 6) CORRLINKS INACCESSIBILITY IN THE HOLE... This is causing prisoner behavioral mood swings and exposing officers and staff to ex-stress, attack, and possible death, as well as prisoner death. Are we still 1 of 5 states that disallow CORRLINKS communications to prisoners in the hole. This special population needs communications with loved ones and legal professionals even more desperately than the rest because of the inhumane solitary confinement taking place, upon demand... with zero charges.
- 7) WHEELCHAIRS... How can NDOC staff possibly lose wheelchair, then refuse to replace them?
- 8) FOOD AS A WEAPON FOR BEHAVIORAL CONTROL?... Scarcely human, will you stop this now? It is unacceptable to hear reports of our prisoners starving in our rich state.

- 9) FULL LEXIS NEXIS ACCESS BEING DENIED?... Will you pay for access to all 50 state sets of laws for our prisoners since all may be unable to study what the judges and AG personnel are referring to when making motions or opinions since there is no full access to complete source material in our prison law libraries being reported? Why not?
- 10) NOT ENOUGH QUALIFIED, CERTIFIED LAW LIBRARIANS? Does each NDOC facility have this critical staff? If not, why not?
- 11) SUICIDE HOT LINE... Is access to the 988 suicide crisis lifeline in access at every NDOC facility in effect now? If not, why not?
- 12) PNEUMONIA, MURDER, AND HEART DISEASE TAKING NDOC LIVES?... Will you see in this new administration that our prisons are each certified to minimum standards at every level, as are our schools and hospitals? We have been waiting decades. The time is now.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO HELP OTHERS.

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