

To whom it may concern,

I am a seventeen-year-old student from Friends Seminary. I am writing to state my concerns regarding the NYC Department of Correction's use of solitary confinement in the City jails. Solitary confinement is dehumanizing and horrific. Instead of instituting systems that are therapeutic and beneficial, solitary confinement and ESHU only instill fear and create more hatred -- this is not the right route. Please, think about who this is benefiting from this system.

Respectfully,
Francis Balken