

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you about my views on the use of solitary confinement in NYC. As a 17 year old student in NYC, I am deeply saddened and disturbed by the overuse of solitary confinement as punishment in jail. I hope that you consider my request to reform the use of solitary confinement in the exclusion of people under the age of 25, people with mental or physical disabilities or serious injuries, and pregnant women, time limits of 15 days, allowing 4 hours of out of cell activities daily, limits on the placement of people in solitary who have not committed violent rule violations, improved due process requirements, and increased training in correction staff.

I hope that my voice on this topic is heard as a New York citizen.

Respectfully,

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