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Subject: Voicing my opposition to changes in Jail Minimum Standards
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my sincere opposition to the proposed changes to the NYC Board of Correction's Jail Minimum Standards. these changes I am firmly against include:

- Limits on physical contact between incarcerated individuals and their visitors
- Exclusion of visitors based on their prior criminal record
- Rollback of recently enacted rules regarding solitary confinement
- Prohibition on packages (other than court clothes) unless sent from an approved vendor
- And of course the changes to solitary confinement, which is an utterly unhumane practice that needs to be ended altogether.

These changes will make conditions harsher for people who are incarcerated in NYC jails, their families and friends. They will overwhelmingly impact Black and Latino families and communities, and poor people who can't afford bail. These changes must Not be passed, if we as a city and community care at all about truly transforming our society and giving us all a chance to be our best selves upon release back into the public world.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Luke Patterson, MSW