



October 21, 2019

Jacqueline Sherman, Interim Chair and Members
New York City Board of Correction
1 Centre Street, Room 2213
New York, New York 10007

Re: Restrictive Housing Rule Making

Dear Interim Chair Sherman and Board Members:

I urge you to **release comprehensive proposed rules on restrictive housing** as soon as possible, and to **vote to commence the rule-making** process at tomorrow's Board Meeting.

The Board has spent more than three years developing these proposed rules, while the Department has operated a host of evolving restrictive housing settings. It is time to begin the formal rule-making process, working toward a coordinated and integrated set of guidelines and obligations, rather than a piece-meal approach. The Department and incarcerated people will benefit from a process that addresses all aspects of restrictive housing simultaneously, and which is more likely to result in a unified and cohesive framework.

As advocates for adolescents and young adults in the City's jails, we—and other stakeholders—must have an opportunity to review the proposed rules as part of the public rule-making process. We urge you to release the proposed rules today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia Davis".

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