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During my time on rikers island although several years ago is still very vivid to me.

The most important thing to a person incarcerated is visits & the ability to get packages. The other thing is to not be sent to the box, that place I have firsthand experience on starving and being ignored by guards who often beat people isolated from the world.

The facility does not provide the items most people need on a daily survival basis. I have seen far too many parents who rely on their visits to make it through the depressing fact of being in jail for a simple reason, like being remanded when you have to be at work the next day.

With a jail that is the world's second largest, we the people of New York City need to be able to have our family visit us. This may seem small to those who work there but it is the world to people like me who have spent time wasting away at rikers.

I believe that being trapped in an island away from your family and friends is punishment enough, who is there to protect our rights if not this board?

Who will defend a mother's right to hug her child or a father's right to spend time with his child on a visit?

Who will defend a person's right to be able to receive a father's day card from your child or be able to receive what the city jail won't provide. ?

When I first heard the term cruel and unusual punishment of people of color the first thing that popped in my mind was rikers. It is even truer now than when I was held there. The system of visits are the only way that family can see their loved ones, who has the right to say that my family isn't my family?

I have many people in my life that I consider family who's right is it to decide who is my family but me and my family. ?

And if I'm already being punished by being on rikers then isn't that additional punishment denying my family the right to visit me?

Isn't that additional punishment for my family to bring me clean clothes? Or some little things that I need while living in a cage?

We punish people in these jails then punish even more when we react to the punishment. This is what causes violence in jails there is a limit to what people should have to go through for being remanded

The Board of Correction is responsible for establishing Jail Minimum Standards and will decide whether to make the rule changes the DOC wants.

The Board must not allow its rules which are supposed to provide protections for incarcerated people to be punishment.

The Board should be part of improving conditions for incarcerated people, not endorsing policies that make it easier for DOC to ignore the basic needs and humanity of the people in its custody. Care custody and control is what the doc has failed at time and time again.

We have the power to change that

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