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July 11, 2016

Martha King, Executive Director  
Chair and Members  
New York City Board of Correction  
1 Centre Street, Room 2213  
New York, NY 10007

Re: DOC Variance Request

Dear Board Members:

I am writing to encourage the Board of Correction (Board) in its efforts to hold the Department of Correction (DOC) accountable for failures to abide by the Minimum Standards. I urge you to deny the DOC's request for a limited variance regarding punitive segregation for young adults. If the Board does grant the variance request, I ask that the scope be limited to whatever is absolutely necessary to ensure compliance with the Minimum Standards as soon as possible.

As you are aware, young adults are especially vulnerable to the negative effects of extreme isolated confinement. Many have been placed in punitive segregation for significantly longer than the 60-day limit in six months. This is deeply troubling since the United Nations considers any period over 15 days torture.

I greatly appreciate the Board's emphasis on evidence-based solutions and look forward to continuing to work with you toward the reform of DOC facilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dromm", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Daniel Dromm  
New York City Council Member, 25<sup>th</sup> District