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Dear Warden,

The COVID lockdowns.

Solitary confinement is cruel and unusual punishment. Unfortunately, "unusual" has turned into "usual".

I am sure it is easier to guard inmates who are locked down. There are always lockdowns at Coleman around the holidays when guards want to take time off.

It is not legal to punish all for the behavior of a few. It certainly cannot be legal to punish inmates for the behavior of the guards.

The formula that you use to go to "Level 3", lockdown status, considers the guards' vaccination status.

Testing is voluntary for guards who choose not to be vaccinated.

COVID is brought in by the guards and the inmates are locked down.

At Coleman 1 the inmates are locked down frequently, and always restricted from regular activity.

Lockdowns do not only mean no communication. No programs, no services, no commissary.

No commissary is a problem of huge magnitude.

The tap water is tainted. A good portion of the women's section of the prison was sickened by a water-borne pathogen last year.

The guards bring in bottled water. The inmates really on commissary for potable water. No commissary, no water.

The inmates also rely on commissary for food. They have been served brown lettuce and green bologna.

Solitary confinement is hideous under the best of circumstances. With COVID lockdowns, there is no "out" date. No one tells them why they are being locked down, or how long it will last.

They were allowed out of their cells briefly the other day and locked down again before everyone even had a chance to make a phone call.

Please end this.

If the BOP truly wants to address COVID, guards who refuse vaccines should be tested before entering the facility.

The burden of the pandemic has fallen solely on the inmates.

"Modified Operations" should not mean solitary confinement for those who have committed no offense.

"Modified Operations" should mean that the BOP takes responsibility for the behavior of the guards, who are the only ones that have any choices.

Thank you for reading this.

With respect,

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