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Dear Prison University Project,

I personally would like to thank you guys for your support and concern. This gift was able to help a lot of inmates who don't have outside support. The information provided inside the packet was very helpful as well. Here in Alpine section we are very, very limited to outside info concerning covid 19 and how the world is handling this pandemic. Our health is a daily topic along with how will CDCR protect us from being exposed to covid 19. We just received mask made by P.I.A., which was a blessing a week ago. Now as far as social distancing inside this unit, basically there is none. We are told to wear the mask when we come out our cells for pill call, clinic, etc. We are required to stand/stay 6ft apart while standing in canteen line. But on the other end we are rushed into a small shower area in 5 minute intervals, crowded like cattle with no social distancing whatsoever. Very confusing to me why they would do that in this covid 19 outbreak. As inmates we are 5%-15% more likely to be infected. Our backs are literally touching while trying to shower, very dangerous to say the least. Our cells we are housed in is 7ft x 7ft x 9ft approx! We are jammed in here with $\begin{matrix} L & W & H \end{matrix}$ another grown man, very tight fit by far. There are 2 open tiers here, 4 and 5. Why are we not spaced out more?! Programs aren't available to us at this time while we're stuck here in reception, so no milestones being earned, nor is there access to study for G.E.D or start college courses. There is a big question mark as to how long we'll be here in reception, which means in the meantime no rehabilitation, no education, no spiritual meetings, no nothing. Some guys have been here 5 plus months!

I understand that this can be overwhelming for everyone, but something has to be done to reduce population. I propose that inmates with health issues be considered first, secondly the elderly with non-violent crimes then all non-violent inmates with 6 months or less be released. That will make a big difference. Because 40 plus guys in a small shower area is very unsanitary and unsafe. I hope this will be of some help to you guys to aid in your strenuous efforts in regards to our conditions. There are numerous sanitary issues within our cell cleanliness. No broom, no mop, no garbage bags. They give us a chemical for cleaning, with no container to put it in, nor any cleaning rags for our toilets and sinks. There is room for much improvement. Thanks for your help and consideration in all matters mentioned. One last thing it would be nice to receive newspapers and be allowed to have small radios. They have them in AD-SEG, (the hole) so we should be allowed as well. And yes my letter can be shared if you like, Thanks. But please I would like to be anonymous, Thanks.

P.S. Let me know that this letter was received please! 😊

Respectfully,