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Dear friends,

On behalf of all the inmates here at S.O., let me begin by thanking you all from the bottom of my heart. Its to easy to feel forgotten in here, like we are the last thought to cross any minds outside family or close friends.

This care package does truely change that, even if for a short time.

The concern on most of our minds while sitting here in Reception is that our sentences are growing, since half and third time do not start until main line. This in return makes thing dangerous because the tempers are flaring and making yard time risky. Even though yard is critical to escape the solitary confinement.

The other major problem is mail, which is on average 3 weeks late. We are basing family welfare on

three week or older updates. This in itself is stressing everyone out. Staff maybe on a hush, hush order because they are tight lipped on the current stats.

Life's are given t.v's and radios. We are not. We cannot have any quarterly packages in R.C., but i feel radio's ought to be something we can purchase during this critical time.

The concern about the virus seems to be about 30 days behind in here, where we are included. Masks and social distancing only seem to be addressed in the last week. It seems as though when an inmate shows signs of the virus, they are whisked away and we don't hear more.

Many of us qualify for help through Prop 57, but feel it's not being applied fast enough, since it only goes into affect after mainline. I myself at age 51 am in pretty good shape even though i am

vulnerable to lung issues from past cases of pneumonia. I worry about my fiancée since she lives alone, and is in high risk, since she is on immunosuppressants for her kidney replacement and is 8 years my senior.

Thank you again for your care and the love expressed in the care package. Feel free to write back and with my blessings please share my letter.

Sincerely

Mr. Brackett

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