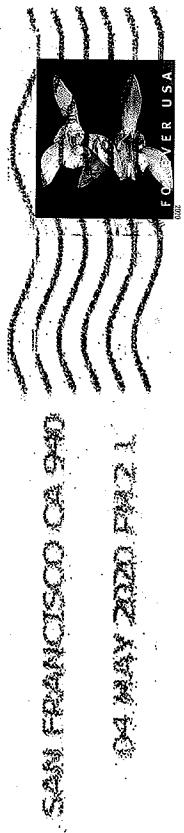


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Dear Friends at PUP,

Today, we received the Care Packages that your Organization sent to our Dorm in H-Unit, of San Quentin State Prison, and I cannot begin to express my gratitude of such a thoughtful, generous gift.

One of the first observations made by my buddies and I, was that aside from the cost involved in such an endeavor, it must have taken hours, if not days, of time and labor to assemble the 4,000+ gift bags for all of us. It was a great feeling to know that people on the outside care about us enough to put forth such an effort, and I am incredibly grateful.

As you might imagine, there are many inmates who do not have family or friends on the outside to put money on their books, or to order them packages, this gift was a message to them, that people do care.

During a time of such fear and uncertainty, common sense would have you believe that such generosity, and efforts to help others would be more common place, but as it says in the reading material you provided to us, so many are using this pandemic as an opportunity to blame others, and to fuel hatred, this has to stop.

People need to realize that this is a time to drop our prejudices, and come together to help one another.

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As far as what individuals on the outside can do to help, they'll have to use a combination of creativity, and common sense. Some people are using their sewing machines to make masks. Restaurants are delivering food to doctors and nurses. Certainly the average Joe has an extra hour or two per day to volunteer at a food bank, packaging food, or delivering it to seniors.

Above all, the best way to take care of others during this crisis, is to take care of yourself first. Practice Social Distancing, wear a mask in public, and wash your hands often!!!

Myself, I hope to be going home in a few months, through a Non-Violent, Prop 57 Date. If I am approved for release, I will be returning to Long Beach, CA, and I would like to know what kinds of support you are organizing for people returning home.

You have my permission to use any part of this letter that you think would be helpful, and thank you again for your generous gift, and continuous support.

Please take good care of yourselves, and
STAY HEALTHY!

Sincerely,

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