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Dear Prison University Project,

First off, I would like to thank the organization for the help, support, and most importantly being some type of voice for us who are incarcerated. My name is Raymond Bustos sr and am currently housed in the Adjacent Center. I am now covid-19 positive.

When I first got placed here for ~~the~~ a mild fever, they tested me again and the fever was gone. It took 2 weeks just to even test me for covid-19! I could have had it the whole time without getting proper care, but I also honestly feel like I got it here in the AC. The cell was dirty, but they said it was clean, I had to share the shower, yard, phone, etc with people who were tested positive!

I was also put here with no cleaning supplies, hygiene, or my property. For four days, I ate without my spoon and for a little over a week my property was left in my old cell in Badger section. Everything and everyone is unorganized leaving everyone clueless, including the COs. I understand social distancing is vital during this crisis but how can we actually do that in an overpopulated place?

So of course people rather be home than incarcerated, but I honestly think that's one big part in helping this disease from spreading. This rapid-fire spreading not only effects us but effects the outside, the COs and free-staff can now be carriers and take it home, which then will spread further!

There are many of us who are non-violent, prop 57 eligible offenders,

who are actually being denied (ACP) alternative custody programs such as ankle monitor because of our EPRD being used instead of our non-violent date! Changing this will less our overly-crowded population and help us with our families during this major crisis! The state can also benefit from this by charging us to pay for the program, assign community service, and of course help with this crisis by lowering the population behind these walls to make distancing possible! Of course, they will or can be consequences to messing up the ACP program like incarceration, and even taking away our prop 57 date! This solution is only beneficial to everybody.

Our ~~short~~ prison terms, especially non-violent, shouldn't turn into a health risk, or worse a death sentence! Thank You for your time, and you have my permission to share this letter!

Sincerely,
Raymond Bustos sr.