There has been an ongoing hunger strike at Souza-Beranoски Correction Center since Oct. 6, 2023, in protest of the conditions in the Secure Adjustment Unit (SAU).

It started with 19 people. There have been numerous complaints about the dire conditions surrounding the SAU, to both inside as well as outside advocacy groups to help change these conditions. These attempts, however, have fallen short of their mark due to the Department of Corrections (DOC) lack of ownership.

During the said hunger strike, officials tried to sweep this event under the rug in a Stonewall attempt to not acknowledge the hunger strike. This is evident by the fact that it took 6-7 days for the deployment of the medical team to finally administer vital checks even after a "protester" fell out from assumed dehydration. This individual remained in the "medical ward" for about 2 nights.
This strike has had dire physical and emotional consequences for all involved including the pain of hunger, mental health issues, and fatigue. These conditions have caused grave concerns about whether (SAU) is in fact holding up its end of the bargain to provide adequate treatment plans for these individuals' physical and mental well-being.

The Doc has done nothing virtually in response to our protest and they have made little effort to ameliorate the conditions in (SAU). The Doc need to do more and "MUST" be held accountable for their actions.

To Attorney General Campbell, for all the reasons mentioned in this letter we emphatically ask that you and your office conduct an investigation into the dire conditions circling the (SAU) of Souza-Baranowski. Without your scrutiny and intervention the inhumane conditions we are subjected to in the (SAU)
will Continue to persist

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Can you imagine being secluded in a tight space that's the size of some of your bathrooms ("5'x8' give or take"), being doused with teargas without any possibility to open your window which was made not to open, followed by an assault team fitted in full riot gear and a Shield pouncing on you, violently thrown to the ground, 2-3 people transferring all their bodyweight onto you with their knees in your back (which was outlawed in Massachusetts before Charlie Baker left office) placed in handcuffs and Shackle, escorted to an unknown destination with the guards bending your wrist in a way that's on the verge of being broken, the whole way, just to be thrown in Luke warm water in some cases.

Perhaps going on a hunger strike because you have run out of options on how to attain the attended recognition by prison officials to right the wrong done to no avail... well these are just some of the well-known extreme atrocities being constantly pre-ticed & performed in the backyard of the town of Shirley.....

For months since June 16th 2023, (CSAU) The Secure Adjustment Unit has been a constant battleground for protest by the people confined to this unit, battling against the oppressive nature being handed down by the "Department of Contraction" refusal to abide by "Law" made by this legislative body of the Commonwealth. Massachusetts DOC have taken the stance to give not even the bare minimum when it comes to its inmates in restrictive housing.

The Secure Adjustment Unit (CSAU), was put in place in an effort to end Solitary Confinement, but has mirrored the Same条件 as those previous Restrictive Housing Units (RHUs) that were set in place, or in this case (DDU) the Department's Disciplinary Unit, (DDU was Shutdown in June of this year for its harsh conditions). Despite the Complaints
Regarding the harsh conditions in the (CSAU), the DOC maintains a position that CSAU do not meet the statutory definition of restrictive housing because they technically offer more than 2hrs of out-of-cell time. So the DOC have adapted the stance they do not have to apply the procedural and substantive protection "REQUIRED" by the "2018 Criminal Justice Reform Act (CJRA) for restrictive housing units (e.g., placement reviews, canteen access consistent with general population, etc.).

There are outside public advocacy groups along with the Legislative Criminal Justice Reform Caucus (LCJRC) who have opposed the DOC's position and recognize that CSAU consists of more than the amount of out-of-cell time.

Other punitive deprivations in this unit includes, restricted phone calls (limited), restricted visitations (anyone 13 yrs or less are not permitted to visit), restricted showers (limited to 5 a week), restricted meals (served in cells), restrictive access to law library, unreasonable strip searches, restrains when out of cell, limited canteen access, limited property, shackled escort, restraint to a chair or table, little opportunity for social connection and food menu that is pure "Cruel & unusual Punishment" with an insufficient amount for a growing adult or a full adult.

These outside advocacy groups amongst legislative (LCJRC) have done administrative advocacy for individuals in the CSAU requesting better conditions, but these efforts have not been effective. In fact it has made conditions more volatile. The DOC refuses to abandon punitive practices that are outdated and comprised of the "Old" "tough on Crime" practices. CSAU is located in the same unit that used to be called (RHU) which have carried on the same characteristics of smaller scale, unnecessary, and punitive deprivation as its predecessor.
The (SAU) do provide more out-of-cell time than DCU, but its comparison to its punitive culture is one-in-the-same more broadly. Outlining all the reasons above, enduring the confinements of (SAU) amounts to indefinite segregated confinement, thus subjecting those confined to this unit in its totality is outright harmful when its confinement is indefinite. People in (SAU) is not given out dates, no one housed in (SAU) knows when they are deemed eligibility for returning to general population.

It's known that the DOC spends only 2% of its budget on programming overall but spend more to expand resources on ineffective, punitive approaches to Corrections management and administration. So how do we fix this? I suggest duty that our Commonwealth invoke countermeasures that penalizes the DOC in its entirety for any and all measures the said department takes to neglect, disregard and flat out try to debunk as a matter of "LAW.

It's a known practice the DOC have undermined the so-called "kindness" statute, G.L.c. 127, sec. 32 without good cause, and proceed to continue these violations. See Blaney v. Commn. of Correction 371 Mass. 337, 341 (1974); Hoffer v. Fair No 50-85-0071 (Single Justice, Mar. 3, 1988) (Lizanos, J).

The people confined to these atrocities, seek the attention of the general public to generate in depth conversation surrounding the unharmful powers tethered to the DOC. Our state Representatives "Liz Miranda + Russell Holmes" have proposed a bill, House docket # 3646 filed on 1/20/23, purported for an "Oversight Committee" justly to hold this department "accountable" for any and all infractions.

It should be noted that punitive and harsh conditions are happening here in the backyard of the "liberal" state of Massachusetts. Being one of many who have to endure these polarizing...
punishments we are held 100% accountable for "if" any of all infections minor or major. So why shouldn't this said department show its transparency. Outrageously the people in CASU are not receiving the Minimum (CORA) Protections that are "REQUIRED" for restrictive housing.

In closing our punishment have the same haunting details as the "Angola" Prison in Louisiana, in a sense parallel. Our Justice System systematically uses the Bible as a symbolic sign to show how people God has chosen the person to lead the Country, States and Cities and Towns to flourish after being sworn in officials swear on the Bible to uphold the integrity of the law and its Constitution and to protect and serve its people to the best of their allotted ability.

So we the people who are ensnared within the bowels of the DOC humbly ask Governor Healy. Attorney General Campbell. All lawmakers. Advocacy groups and the Commonwealth to choose, compassion, mercy and honor to end the traumatic abuse in its DOC's. I am formally requesting an immediate investigation into the (JAD) Signed and Written Collectively by the (AG)

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