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NEW YORK CAMPAIGN FOR ALTERNATIVES TO ISOLATED CONFINEMENT

New York State has an incarceration crisis that is rooted in racism and is destroying people, families, and communities. Two of the most brutal aspects of this system are the torture of solitary confinement and extreme prison sentence lengths without opportunities for release.

Governor Cuomo:
In 2020: support #HALTsolitary & #FreeOurElders!

If you want to help end torture in NYS's prisons and jails and free our elders who have spent decades in prison and pose no risk to society:

Call **Gov. Cuomo** (518) 474-8390 urge him to support:

- **The HALT Solitary Confinement Act**, S1623/A2500: Would end the torture of solitary, & create more humane & effective alternatives
- **Elder Parole**, S2144: Allows parole consideration for people aged 55 or older who have served at least 15 years in prison
- **Fair & Timely Parole Act**, S497A/A4346A: Ensures the parole release process in NY is based on who people are today and not centered around their crime of conviction.

Ask Gov. Cuomo to end state-sanctioned torture, death, and despair in our backyard!

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THE FACTS ABOUT PEOPLE AGING IN PRISON

- There are more than 10,000 people in NYS prisons aged 50 or older and roughly 8,900 people serving a life sentence.
- The vast majority of older people in prison and those serving long sentences are Black and Latinx New Yorkers.
- Long sentences and limited opportunities for parole release means more people are rapidly aging, despairing and dying in NYS prisons. Since 2011, more than 650 older people have died in a NYS prison.
- To end mass incarceration, we must release older people from prison and end life sentences.

THE FACTS ABOUT THE TORTURE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

- People in solitary spend 22 to 24 hours a day locked in a cell the size of an elevator, alone or with one other person, without any meaningful human contact or programs.
- The sensory deprivation, lack of normal human interaction, and extreme idleness can lead to intense suffering and severe damage. Roughly a third of all suicides in NY prisons take place in solitary.
- Most people sent to solitary spend months or years there; some have been in solitary in New York's prisons for decades (upwards of 30 years). The entire United Nations General Assembly has denounced solitary exceeding 15 days.
- Thousands of people are in solitary in NY prisons and jails each day, disproportionately Black and Latinx people, and tens of thousands each year

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GOVERNOR CUOMO: WE NEED A GREEN NEW DEAL FOR NEW YORK

Climate change threatens the progress, health, and safety of New Yorkers, and will worsen inequality. We all remember the devastation of climate-fueled Hurricane Sandy. *Governor Cuomo must take bold action to address climate and inequality in NY!*

NY gets only 5% of power from renewable wind and solar. NY's top 1% take 32% of all NY income. We urge of CUOMO:

- **STOP ALL FOSSIL FUEL PROJECTS IN NYS** that pollute our air and water!
- **MOVE NY TO 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY** creating thousands of good, green, union jobs!
- **PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF POWER!**
- **TAX THE RICH TO FUND A GREEN NEW DEAL!** most vulnerable to the climate crisis

Call Gov. Cuomo - 877-235-6537, urge him to enact a bold Green New Deal for NY!

Contact phouston@nycommunities.org for more info.

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