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Jennifer Jones Austin, Chair
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Re: Request to Extend Comment Period on Restrictive Housing Rulemaking

Dear Chair Jennifer Jones Austin and Executive Director Margaret Egan:

Brooklyn Defender Services (“BDS”) thanks the Board of Correction (“the Board” or “BOC”) for their transparency and the release of the Department of Correction’s RMAS Level 1 Rendering on April 14, 2021.

The Board is currently accepting comments on the Proposed Rule on Restrictive Housing until close of business on Friday, April 16, 2021. BDS is requesting for the Board to extend the comment period to allow for sufficient time to review and provide adequate comments on the recently released rendering of RMAS Level 1.

We thank you for holding two public hearings on the Board’s proposed rule and we look forward to our continued work together during this rulemaking process.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kelsey DeAvila
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