

From: [Annie Lo](#)
To: [BOC \(BOC\)](#)
Subject: Solitary Confinement Rule
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:57:46 PM

Dear NYC BOC,

My name is Annie and I am a resident of Brooklyn, New York. I am writing to express concern regarding your proposed rule to end solitary confinement. Despite your promise to end this torture over 9 months ago, you have simply renamed it in your proposed rule. I ask that you amend the rule pursuant to HALT and JAC's proposed guidelines, which it seems you have almost entirely ignored. My chief concerns are as follows:

- The proposed rule allows people to be held in RMAS "out-of-cell" time - solitary by another name - **indefinitely**.
- Additional inhumane units are to be constructed under the proposed rule, instead of removed.
- The proposed rule does not provide access to meaningful services or counsel.

The realities proposed by your rule are egregious, and no solution to the problem of solitary confinement. Just a few weeks ago, the New York State passed the HALT solitary Bill, taking a momentous step towards ending the inhumanity that is solitary confinement. I ask that you do the same by amending your proposed rule.

Annie Lo