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I am writing the Board to change your policies/rules such that solitary confinement in all its iterations is abolished. My reading of your proposed changes to what is permissible in NY State is that you will make it possible to continue using solitary confinement, as in locking people up in cells (cages) for 24 hours per day, over long, even undefined periods of time, without the possibility of substantive human engagement. Your proposal is not a change to solitary confinement policies: it is a continuation of solitary confinement by another name. Please take this opportunity to really rethink what brings change to human beings, what does not dehumanize their captors, what makes a noble and creative society, and how to truly end solitary confinement, period.

Thank you,

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