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My name is Rochelle Ballantyne and I am a resident of Harlem, 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. Amongst many other issues, your rule creates an extremely restrictive environment, allows people to be held in isolation indefinitely, and fails to provide access to meaningful programming. Just a few weeks ago, the New York State passed the HALTsolitary 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.

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All the best,
Rochelle