

New York City Board of Correction
1 Centre St., Room 2213
New York, NY 1007
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Re: DOC request for variances regarding mail and packages

Dear members of the Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the variance request submitted by the Department of Correction regarding the Board Minimum Standards § 1-12(a) and § 1-11(e)(1)(i) regarding packages and mail. As an NY resident whose family resides elsewhere, I recognize the importance of receiving mail from family, friends, and loved ones to maintain connections with the outside world and reality.

Removing physical mail and limiting packages to vendors will create more barriers to connection during incarceration and will negatively impact people's ability to readjust once back in their communities.

It is so important for incarcerated people to receive tangible items from loved ones - drawings from their children, letters from their friends, books, etc.

I urge the Board to deny the Department's variance request.

Sincerely,
Alexandra Geiser