



April 3, 2023

**BY EMAIL**

Members of the Board  
NYC Board of Correction  
2 Lafayette, Suite 1221  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: Comments from people in custody**

Dear Chair Sampson and Board members:

We write to request that you make a small but important adjustment to the structure of future Board of Correction meetings. We commend the Board for establishing a method for people in custody to be heard during the public comment period. Their insights are essential to the Board's oversight work. As you noted in your February statement, "The unfortunate truth is that many detainees do not receive the minimum standard of care to which they are entitled, and they continue to have their health and safety jeopardized."

These comments from people in custody should also be of concern to the Department of Correction. However, DOC has chosen to leave each meeting before these recordings are played. We urge you to adjust the meeting structure such that these recordings are played just ahead of the Commissioner's updates. We believe this adjustment is consistent with your "Humanity Continues Here" agenda.

We look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,

Members of the Jails Action Coalition

cc: Interim Executive Director Jasmine Georges-Yilla