

To the Board of Corrections, Commissioner Molina and Chairman Sampson,

I am a born and raised New Yorker and I'd like to write to you regarding the upcoming proposed shift from material packages for incarcerated individuals at Rikers to a scanned version:

I've been writing to incarcerated folks for a long time and my friends have done programs at Rikers to support them: folks inside have made us aware of the absolute necessity of hand written mail. The material experience of someone's penmanship, the colors and paper they might use are essential parts of the experience of receiving mail. They mean so much to the folks inside and help them to maintain emotional regulation.

With this shift, you will further be isolating those inside, contributing to even more heightened surveillance, severing them further from community resources and reducing their ability to be resilient in the face of the environmental neglect happening within NYC jails.

People both inside and out need safety and connection with their communities in order to prevent crime and violence.

Please reconsider this choice.

This choice will not reduce the flow of contraband, for as you know where there is a need for drugs there will be drugs, including through staff and CO's.

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