

To the NYC Department of Corrections,

I am writing to protest your decision to stop allowing Rikers inmates from receiving books from non-profit organizations such as Books to Prisoners. BTP has never been suspected of mailing contraband to prisoners. On the contrary, BTP provides a vital service by mailing quality reading material to prisoners and pre-trial detainees.

Books to Prisoners receives over 1,000 requests for books each month, from prisons across the nation. Clearly the need is great. BTP has proven through decades of reliable service to prisoners that we are a trustworthy organization.

I urge you to allow non-profits such as Books to Prisoners to continue to mail reading materials to Rikers Island Jail Complex.

Thank you,
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