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To: [BOC \(BOC\)](#)
Subject: RE: PROPOSED RULE CHANGES
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Dear Board Of Correction Members:

Good morning. My apologies for the late correspondence. I hope that you can put this email on the record and consider my input. I have worked for the NYC Department of Correction for over fifteen (15) years. I currently hold the rank of Captain. I reviewed your proposed rule changes to end solitary confinement. I strongly suggest you do not vote to end surcharges for inmates found guilty for infractions. Our Department has very few tools left to hold inmates accountable for rule violations. In my experience, I have found that writing infractions have curtailed inmate behaviors. I actually gained more of a rapport with inmates after writing infractions. There was a level of respect where I informed inmates of their rule violations and informed them that they could be infraacted. I gave them the opportunity to correct their behavior before resorting to an infraction. Inmates must be held accountable for their actions. Violence in the jails are up. Inmate on inmate assaults and inmate on staff assaults are up. It is your civic duty to vote not on public opinion and current climate but on facts. The facts are that one must be held accountable for their transgressions and infraction surcharges are a form of correcting behavior in a non-violent manner. Your vote matters and the lives of many people, including inmates, uniform and civilian staff hang in the balance ommf your decision.

Please vote no and keep infraction surcharges in place.

On another note, please ensure Level or Grade 1 violations under your proposed module makes the throwing of feces, urine, spitting and splashing any correction and civilian staff a violent and Grade 1 offense.

Your vote will control the fate of many lives and the Department of Corrections for many years to come.

Harriet Beecher Stowe once said, "There is more done with pens than swords." Do not take away our options infractions. It is one of the few things we have left.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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