

# From the Desk of Noelle Hanrahan

WHEN WE FIGHT WE WIN!

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Dear

Are you ready for victorious news?

On January 3, 2017, Federal Judge Robert Mariani issued an historic and courageous Preliminary Injunction: **He ordered the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC) to give Mumia Abu-Jamal the fast-acting antiviral cure to hepatitis C within 21 days!**

However, the deadline has passed, and the DOC has not given Mumia the cure. Mumia's very life hangs in the balance.

*“ This is indeed a serious time for me and for us all. It is not easy to take on the state and prevail. However, it is right to do so. With your help, we may be able to prevail. ”* —Mumia Abu-Jamal

We are back in court to secure his treatment. Motions to compel, appeals and stays are being filed by the State and Mumia's attorneys, Robert Boyle and Bret Grote. You can read the court motions and rulings at [prisonradio.org/mumia101](http://prisonradio.org/mumia101).

Chronic hepatitis C attacks major organs including the liver and skin. It has caused Mumia anemia of chronic disease, permanent scarring over much of his body, and a variety of debilitating symptoms. He remains vulnerable and ill. **Please use your enclosed bookmark to take action and demand treatment today!**

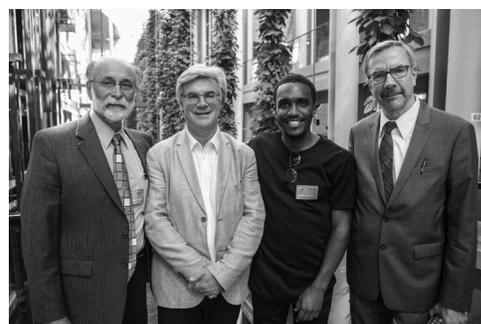
## 200+ PEOPLE ARE ALIVE TODAY, BECAUSE OF YOU

I can't say this clearly enough: You, and thousands of individuals with you, are the reason that we have gotten this far, and the reason we will prevail.

**The only reason that the PA DOC has treated 200+ people in prison is because you helped us get to Federal Court.** The court ruled that the PA DOC's policy of non-treatment is unconstitutional, and will cause imminent and irreparable harm to Mumia, and by extension to others. You are behind this ruling.



Bret Grote, Esq of the Abolitionist Law Center; Pam Africa, International Concerned Friends & Family of Mumia Abu-Jamal; Dustin McDaniel, Esq.



In Paris: Robert Meeropol, Rosenberg Fund for Children; Patrick Le Hyaric, European Parliament member; Nyle Fort, activist and Minister; Robert Boyle, Esq, attorney for Mumia

### A word from Mumia

“I call tonight to just state that we have to understand that this is a new stage in history. That's why we need The Abolitionist Law Center, Robert Boyle, Amistad Law Project & Prison Radio.

You ever think about building a house? To begin, you need tools. Think building a movement with International Concerned Friends and Family of Mumia Abu-Jamal. Tools are needed. Prison Radio is one such tool. Through it, you hear real life stories from the very heart of the prison industrial complex—voices of resistance and accounts of oppression—the stuff of which movements are built.

This is Mumia Abu-Jamal, thanking you for your support.”

As Bret Grote, attorney for Mumia said, “This is the first case in the country in which a federal court has ordered prison officials to provide an incarcerated patient with the new medications that came on the market in 2013.”

Imagine 200 brothers, mothers, fathers, and children, who are alive today and will return home. Remember, the PA DOC did not treat one person for over two years, until the week before our hearing started. They thought treating five people would mollify the court. They were wrong. **We will not rest until all 7,000 people in PA prisons with chronic hepatitis C are no longer at risk of dying untreated.**

**Human, civil and 1st Amendment rights are not up for debate! In the times ahead, we’re going to have to fight even harder for them.**



International Concerned Family & Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal demanding treatment at the PA Governor’s office



In the studio: Arthur Simmons, muralist; Karen Rudolph, Esq., Tommy Phan, Audio Engineer, Lyla Denburg, Associate Director, Diana Sands, Recording Engineer.



Noelle Hanrahan and George Jackson  
Brigade member Ed Mead: buy his book *Lumpen*.

**That’s why today I am asking you to make a special gift.** By donating today you are opening the airwaves so that thousands world-wide can hear the uncensored voices of prison journalists like Mumia Abu-Jamal. Your support today makes it possible for people in prison to organize, speak out, and demand their rights tomorrow.

Will you help us build on our success by making a gift of \$35, \$105 or \$250 today?

**Please consider supporting Prison Radio today, so we can continue fighting, and continue winning.**

Cuando luchamos ganamos! *When we fight, we win!*

Noelle Hanrahan  
Director Prison Radio  
Board President, Redwood Justice Fund

**PS. If you believe that Mumia and people in prison should receive life-saving medical care, please contribute today.**