June 1, 2016

Dear Friends,

Mumia and his family are waiting for the news: will the court order the Department of Corrections (DOC) to give Mumia life-saving hepatitis C treatment? Mumia’s doctors and legal team are working around the clock to secure a victory in this case, and supporters world-wide are responding. As Frederick Douglas said, “Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never has and it never will.” That’s why your actions are key to getting the DOC to provide immediate health care to Mumia—so please take a moment to send your new postcard to the Secretary of the DOC!

The hep C treatment we are demanding for Mumia is one pill each day for 12 weeks. And guess what: it has a 95% cure rate. We are expecting to get the court’s ruling any day, and we need to be prepared to act when they do. Whether the court orders the treatment now, or does not grant our preliminary injunction, it’s up to us to make sure Mumia and all those incarcerated in PA get the live-saving health care they need.

The right to health is just one of the rights of a life with dignity. We defend the health of prisoners, and we also defend their right to speak and to be heard.

“The voice of Mumia Abu-Jamal is extremely important to hear, and I commend Prison Radio dedicated to bringing out his voice.”

Amy Goodman, Democracy Now!

Prison Radio is recording a dozen new correspondents including Lisa Strawn, a trans woman held in a men’s medical prison in Vacaville, California and Reverend Edward Pinkney, incarcerated for his fearless activism in Benton Harbor, Michigan. The abuses of the prison system are heard from new voices such as Petra Albrecht on ICE detention centers, Eric DiPaolo from Virginia’s Red Onion State Prison, and Uhuru from the Free Virginia Movement who highlights prisoners’ struggles against the mass incarceration.

Today we’re bringing the microphone to incarcerated women, youth serving life sentences, immigrant mothers held in ICE detention centers, LGBTQ activists in prison, and people held in every prison facility across Pennsylvania.

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Donate to the Prison Radio Reporter Fund
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Read the Mumia Abu-Jamal and hepatitis C Fact Sheet
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Read our Preliminary Injunction Transcript
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Free Rev. Pinkney! Help the National Lawyers Guild and American Civil Liberties Union overturn his conviction: bhbanco.org

Poster designed by Le Collectif Français de Soutien à Mumia Abu-Jamal showing MOVE 9 members Janine Africa, Janet Africa and Debbie Africa: onamove.com

Noelle Hanrahan, P.I. winner of the National Lawyer’s Guild’s 2016 Legal Worker of the year award.

Mumia’s lawyers Bret Grote (abolitionistlawcenter.org), Ashley Henderson and Nikki Grant (amistadlawproject.org) with Noelle Hanrahan, P.I. at Decarcerate PA’s strategy meeting. (not shown Robert Boyle)

Mumia Abu-Jamal at SCI Mahanoy in photo the prison tried to censor.

Pam African Minister of Confrontation MOVE Organization, and International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia.

U.S. Delegation to Saint-Denis, France in May, honoring the 10th anniversary of the street named in Mumia’s honor.

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Poster by Libérons Mumia

Dear Secretary Wetzel,

I am writing to protest your decision to release the confidential report that was prepared for the Pennsylvania Prison Society (PPS) Task Force on the Investigation of the Death of Eugene Roberts from the prison. The PPS report was completed in 2013 and was not made public at the time of its completion. I am concerned that the release of this report will compromise the confidentiality of the work of the PPS and its members, who have been engaged in examining and addressing issues related to the administration of justice in Pennsylvania.

We strongly encourage you to reconsider your decision to release the PPS report and to direct the prison system to continue to work on improving conditions for incarcerated people in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
Can you donate your car for Mumia?

Do you have a car you can donate?

If it's running, we need it!

Your car will make it possible for Mumia's family members and others to regularly visit him.

To discuss donating your car, call Noelle at 415-706-5222.

All car donations are fully tax-deductible.

Being a Monthly Sustainer means that every day, our correspondents have the support they need. Every time prisoners receive funds on their commissaries to help them pay for calling cards or health needs, it's thanks to you. When we produce their commentaries and provide the pencils, typewriters, and respond to crises or help file the lawsuits our correspondents need, it's your ongoing support that makes it possible.

Joining the Sustainer Circle also means that we can push back against the censorship of our reporters. Just last month Jaan Laaman — political prisoner incarcerated for 27 years — was banned from calling us. Help us fight the Federal Bureau of Prisons so that Jaan's voice, and all Prison Radio reporters' voices, can be heard! (And read Jaan's moving essay on the suppression of his voice using this link: bit.ly/JaanLaaman.)

Each and every day, we are tearing down the wall of silence and censorship, defending our reporters from the threats to their health and well being. Last year, we fought the Pennsylvania legislature and won. This year, we're up against the Pennsylvania DOC to demand medical care for people in prison who have active hepatitis C. Your consistancy is what makes it possible to win these landmark battles.

That's why we need your immediate, urgent and steady support as we move forward with amplifying the voices of more prisoners and standing up for their rights. The truth is, by joining Prison Radio's Sustainer Circle, you make our work to secure prisoners' rights to free speech possible — every week, every month, every day.

People in prison are putting themselves on the line to call in. Each call is a risk. I think this is a risk worth sharing.

The bottom line is this: it's our responsibility to provide the lifeline for these voices.

Will you be that lifeline?

I'm grateful to be doing this work with you. Thank you.

Cuando luchamos ganamos! When we fight, we win!

Noelle Hanrahan, Director

P.S. If you believe that prisoners deserve to speak consistently, censorship-free, and without impediment, there's no better investment than joining Prison Radio's Monthly Sustainer Circle.

P.P.S. To talk more about becoming a Sustainer Circle member, give me a call at (415) 706-5222!
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My Donation amount:  $35*  $100*  $250  $500  $1,000*  Other $

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WE DEMAND MEDICAL CARE FOR MUMIA ABU-JAMAL NOW!

FreeMumia.com | PrisonRadio.org
Dear Secretary Wetzel:
It is with paramount urgency that we demand you provide Mumia Abu-Jamal life-saving hepatitis C treatment.

Over one year ago, Mumia fell into diabetic shock due to medical neglect. Since that day, the DOC has refused his legal and human right to life-saving medical care.

Denying medical treatment to prisoners is unconstitutional. Does Pennsylvania really want to stand out as a state that refuses to respect the health needs and the lives of its prisoners?

Secretary Wetzel, we will not stand by while Mumia's liver deteriorates and his health complications escalate. Thousands of people world-wide are joining me to demand that you allocate immediate treatment to Mumia. Not next month, not next year, not tomorrow. Today!

With urgency,

Name:

Signature:

John E. Wetzel
Secretary of Corrections, DOC
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