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Mumia’s Life is on the Line
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Dear Friend,

You have got to hear the essays that prison correspondents are producing. Have you heard Sundiata Acoli reading “Affirmations” by Assata Shakur? Or Kenneth Hartman dropping the truth on the death penalty? Mumia has you covered on critiquing the mainstream media in Media Mayhem, and Natalie DeMola gives us an important window into the reality of suicide in women’s prisons. And there are hundreds more—from Jaan Laaman fighting prison censorship in Running Down the Walls, to Reverend Edward Pinkney challenging white supremacist prisons, to Petra Albrecht on ICE detention.

Every single day we get a call from prison. You are keeping these lines open.

As 2017 is upon us, I’m reflecting on the enormous victories we accomplished this year and over the last 25 years. Your help will prepare us for groundbreaking work right around the corner.

Do you know how much you made possible this year?

• **Abu-Jamal vs. Kerestes** — Since March 2015 we have raised $101K to fuel Abu-Jamal vs. Kerestes and now Abu-Jamal vs. Wetzel (see the new lawsuit at bit.ly/majcomplaint). We are providing breaking news coverage, fact sheets, press work, and a bright white hot spotlight on Department of Corrections (DOC) corruption and unconstitutional actions.

• **Reporting on the Strike** — We recorded prisoners’ coverage of the national Prison Hunger and Work Strikes.

• **Amplifying Prisoners’ Voices** — In 2016 we have recorded over 255 new essays.

• **Mumia’s New Book** — We shepherded to print the new edition of Mumia’s brilliant book, *We Want Freedom* (Common Notions).

All of these actions matter. Your gifts made it happen.

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Today we need your help to continue making critical voices of resistance heard at the forefront of work against mass incarceration. By giving a special tax-deductible year-end gift, you are making it possible for folks inside to realize their humanity, speak out, report on conditions inside, and organize!

**Will you support 25 years of prisoners speaking out by giving a special year-end gift today? If you donate by December 31, 2016, every dollar you give will be doubled!**

Amy Goodman begins her new book *Democracy Now!* by writing:

> Working with Prison Radio’s Noelle Hanrahan, we taped thirteen commentaries with Abu-Jamal in October 1996. One of the reasons that Abu-Jamal’s commentaries broke new ground is that you rarely heard voices from prison, because journalists were increasingly being blocked from going there…. It’s the job of journalists to put our microphone between the bars and broadcast the voices of those inside.

Since 1990, Prison Radio has been bringing voices from inside to the public. Now I am asking for your help to continue breaking through the silence.

When Natalie DeMola, a juvenile lifer, calls in and records “Suicide Prevention” it is because your support funded the phone lines. When Kenneth Hartman produces “If You Die in Prison, It’s The Death Penalty” it’s because you helped us get editing equipment. Resisting the silence our prison system tries to impose is no easy task — and we can’t do it with you.

**Will you bring prisoners’ voices to the forefront of our movements against mass incarceration by making your tax-deductible gift today?**

Thank you for 25 powerful years of amplifying prisoners’ voices.

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

Noelle Hanrahan, Director

**PS — Want to make the biggest impact? If you give by December 31, every dollar you give will be doubled. (Turn $35 into $70, $100 into $200, or $1,000 into $2,000)**
Amplify Prisoners’ Voices Today
Celebrating 25 Years of Resistance

Since I first recorded Mumia Abu-Jamal’s prolific commentaries in July 1992, Prison Radio has worked effortlessly to ensure that all people in prison have a voice.

For 25 years Prison Radio has done just that: airing ground-breaking journalism from political prisoners across the country. As we near the end of 2016, we are asking for your help to keep prisoners’ testimonies on the air.

Prison Radio’s correspondents are rising up, speaking out, and resisting the dehumanizing effect of incarceration in a terrifying time ahead of us. Help us make our match and donate before our Dec. 31st deadline to raise $60K.

As Mumia says, “Prison Radio has brought you the voices of those behind the walls, the fastest growing public housing development in America. For this and its other works, it deserves your generous financial support.”

Will you make your tax deductible year-end gift today to defend prisoners’ rights to speak out?
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Thank you,

Noelle Hanrahan
Director, Prison Radio
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MNI WICONI, WATER IS LIFE

FROM FRACKVILLE TO FLINT TO STANDING ROCK
We are deeply inspired by all of those who honor and protect the water, the earth and our future. This poster of Sitting Bull, a spiritual leader of the Hunkpapa Lakota, was inspired by the Water Protectors at the Standing Rock Reservation. The Protectors are women and men from over 300 tribes and their allies, who are praying together to stop the poisoning of their water and desecration of their sacred land by the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Our correspondents, across this country, are exposing rampant water contamination inside prisons and in their communities. Sunoco Logistics spilled 55,000 gallons of gas into a tributary of the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania. They poisoned the drinking water of thousands of families. The same company is behind the Dakota Access Pipeline.

This poster was designed by Craig Martin and it is a gift in honor of all the Water Protectors here on Turtle Island.

“Water is a liquid that is a major constituent of all living matter. Clean water is vitally essential to everyday life, i.e., cleaning, cooking, hygiene, and keeping hydrated, etc.” —Bryant Arroyo SCI Frackville, PA

“The courts are the tools of industrial plague, granting big business privilege to poison our earth...taking our water, familiar and clean, and turning it into a potion that’s poison.” —Janine Africa of MOVE quoting John Africa

“We know this water is not safe to drink (it is a dark reddish brown color) because prison employees do not drink this water, but instead have bottled water issued to them by the prison. Meanwhile, we are forced to drink it.”

—Uhuru Rowe, Sussex Two State Prison Virginia

“Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children.” —Sitting Bull

**SCI-Frackville’s Flint Michigan—Rampant Water Contamination** [By Bryant Arroyo, @ 2016-Prison Radio]

The captive-audience, at SCI-Frackville erupted with inquiries about the visible, and odoriferous changes experienced with the running water supply during the week of 6/13/16 through 6/23/16.

Water is a liquid that is a major constituent of all living matter. Clean water is vitally essential to everyday life, i.e., cleaning, cooking, hygiene, and keeping hydrated, etc.

The frequency with which this problem occurs, would lead any person of reasonable firmness to the inevitable conclusion that either this problem isn’t given the proper and serious attention it warrants or that the Maintenance Dept., Spvr., C. Slodysko, lacks the adequate knowledge to tackle the problem. These are two of the reasons I would like to think about as a possible answer as to why this problem has eluded a permanent resolution because the third is even to perverse for me to fathom—Flint Michigan has struck right in our back yard.

Staff-members, Healthcare providers, Administrators, and the Maintenance Dept., are conscious about the constant pre-flushing, filthy water being infiltrated into our water supply; coupled with that, this has not escaped the notice of those in charge about those inmates that reside here who have severely deficient immune systems due to diseases such as: Hepatitis A, B, or C, Kidney problems, HIV, etc. To those inmates having to drink this contaminated water could be lethal because of an already pre-existing weakened immune deficiency which in turn prevents their bodies from disposing of toxins which leads to complications, compounding the problems in existence with the current infectious diseases that they medicate daily in order to maintain a balanced immune system. This translates to higher costs in treatment of those individuals—(citizens) ultimately have to pay for.

Finally, I submit, that in times when the water is visibly dirty, as it was for the entire week; inmates should not be forced to drink the contaminated water while the staff, at SCI-Frackville, is provided bottled spring-water because this practice alone only adds insult to injury, creating resentment and animosity, in light, of the clear regard for the staff’s health and blatant disregard for the inmate population’s health and well-being. As a human solution, inmates should have the benefit of bottled-water, as the staff enjoys to prevent being infected with some unknown bacteria like, Polycythemia Vera which may cause some serious and irreparable damage-harm in the long-run. Therefore, as a practical matter this problem should and must be addressed without any further delay.

I’d like to pose two questions for you to consider: “If you offer a thirsty man/woman a glass filled with clean water and a glass filled with dirty water, there is absolutely no question which one you’ll drink? But if you offer the inmate population a glass of dirty water and an empty glass. You can already surmise which one we (Inmates) are forced to drink-bacteria infested, DIRTY WATER?”... Flint Michigan and the residents, at SCI-Frackville are drinking the same contaminated water... Flint is right in our backyard and the DOC, DEP, and EPA doesn’t care about us—they are one and of the same!!!

Bryant Arroyo
Keep the pressure on!
Demand Mumia & all prisoners get the hep C cure

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