June 2017

Dear Friend,

**Wow. Mumia Abu-Jamal is likely cured!**

After three years of medical neglect, Mumia is likely cured of hepatitis C. I feel like I am writing a warning message on a medicine bottle — but I have to say: Mumia had chronic hep C and cirrhosis of the liver for three to four years. This increased his chance of getting liver cancer. He still lives with the scars from his open wounds that will never leave.

But last month, Mumia tested negative for HVC antibodies. And this month, the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC) will finish his hepatitis C treatment protocol.

Mumia is alive and now on the mend. He is confident, happy, and ready for the next task: Freedom. Oh, and probably another couple of books and finishing his PhD!

**You made this possible!**

Take a moment and let this sink in. Our actions — calling the prison, raising funds, organizing to hold the DOC accountable, and relentlessly fighting for Mumia’s human right to medical care — succeeded. The court, in an unprecedented historic decision, ruled that a prisoners’ right to medical care trumps prisons profiting off of leaving them to die.

**Funding the moment — When We Fight, We Win!**

You know that together, we have won.

**In 2015 we defeated SB 508** — Pennsylvania’s unconstitutional attempt to silence Mumia, Prison Radio, and all prisoner journalists. Now we are working to record one prisoner in all 28 Pennsylvania prisons.

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**From the Desk of Noelle Hanrahan**

**WHEN WE FIGHT WE WIN!**

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In 2016 and 2017, we defeated the DOC, securing Mumia’s and 300 other prisoners’ right to life-saving hepatitis C treatment. We are continuing to win by demanding that thousands more prisoners with Hep C receive the cure now.

And it keeps getting better — with a crack in Mumia’s criminal conviction last month! For the first time, a court has ordered the Philadelphia District Attorney (DA) to turn over evidence and open their files in Mumia’s appeal. In a shattering blow, the DA is finally being held to account. Judge Leon Tucker of the Philadelphia Common Pleas Court ordered the DA to produce all of the documents relevant to former PA Supreme Court Justice, Ronald Castille’s role in Mumia’s case. For Mumia to be freed, his criminal conviction needs to be overturned.

Breaking News: Larry Krasner, a very progressive civil rights attorney, just won the Democratic Primary, and will be the next Philadelphia District Attorney in November. Fundamental changes are coming to the one of the most corrupt and punitive places on earth — the Philadelphia DA’s office.

We are continually reminded that our political prisoners come home. Welcome home to Chelsea Manning and Oscar Lopez Rivera! Thank you to all the sung and unsung who fought for their freedom. We are now fighting for political prisoner Jaan Laaman’s release back to general population. Please find the postcards included, and send them today. For more information on Jaan, visit bit.ly/jaanlaaman

We are on the road to freedom.

We have much work ahead of us to continue protecting prisoners’ rights and turning up the volume on their stories. And we can’t do it without your support. Please join us in making a gift of $35, $150, $250 or even $500 today, so we can fight more — and win more.

Will you make a gift today to ensure that prisoners’ voices are heard in the media?

Thank you. Cuando luchamos ganamos!

Noelle Hanrahan
Director, Prison Radio

PS—Mumia Abu-Jamal’s latest book, Have Black Lives Ever Mattered? (City Lights) hits the shelves this month! Support our work by donating $100 or more, and you’ll be one of the first to receive his latest collection of published essays.

Donate $500 or more, and you’ll receive it signed by Mumia!
My friend,

Today, I’ve reached perhaps my 50th day of treatment with Horvati. That’s because of you, each one of you. We filled credit forms, we sent emails, we sent cards (many of which were returned by a renal graft system), we called officials, or who proved in the silence of the night (or in the silence of the heart), I thank you. I thank you all. Know that I’ll thank you and I love you for your love, and we are as ever together.

We are one, and we will always be so.
Our Princess is Our Power, and Love is Our Fuel.

We have a few more steps to go! Let us make them together.

Love from,

Raziely, your Brother,

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Dear Jaan,

You are in our hearts and on our minds. We will write, call, and demand that you be placed back into general population, with access to phone and email, and without facing any further repression.

Know that we honor your struggle, and are standing by you until freedom is achieved!

Towards justice and liberation for all Political Prisoners,

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NAME

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SIGNATURE

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Once upon a time... Zapatista stories begin with 'there will be a time...''

In contrast to traditional stories that begin.
Dear Ms. Mitchell,

I am writing to demand that Jaan Karl Lamaan (#10372-016) be placed back into general population, that his phone and email access be reinstated, and that he face no further repercussions.

We strongly condemn the punishment of Jaan who was sent to the SHU on his birthday, March 21, 2017, for issuing a statement mourning for the loss of his friend, and for expressing his support of women’s rights. **This is a clear violation of free speech.**

Jaan is also an elderly man, and we are concerned about his health in the SHU.

**Respect civil and human rights and place Jaan back into general population. We will continue to call, write, and demand Jaan’s rights, until that day comes.**

With urgency,

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