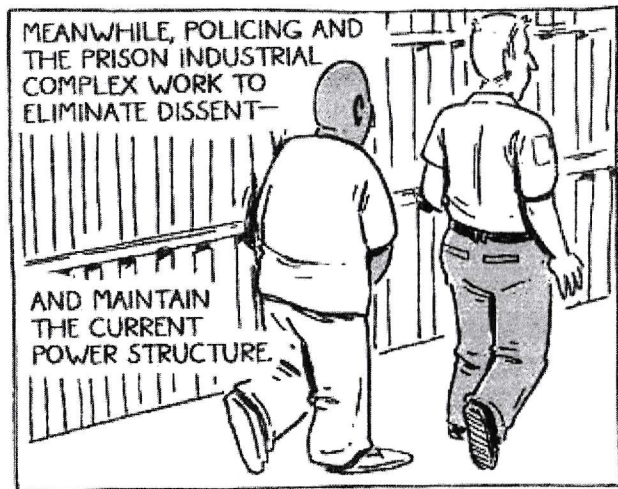


**WHY WRITING
PEOPLE IN
PRISONS AND JAILS
MATTERS**



A RESOURCE OF
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NOW IS THE TIME TO FIGHT FOR PRISON
ABOLITION, AND INCREASE OUR SUPPORT
TO INCARCERATED PEOPLE.



LETTERS SHOW PRISON ADMINISTRATORS THAT WE ARE WATCHING, THAT WE STAND WITH INCARCERATED PEOPLE AND THEIR LOVED ONES. WE WILL NOT FORGET THOSE INSIDE AND WE WILL NOT LET THE STATE INVISIBLIZE THEM.



PRISONS AND JAILS ARE HIGHLY INACCESSIBLE TO NON-INCARCERATED PEOPLE—EVEN MORE SO SINCE THE START OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

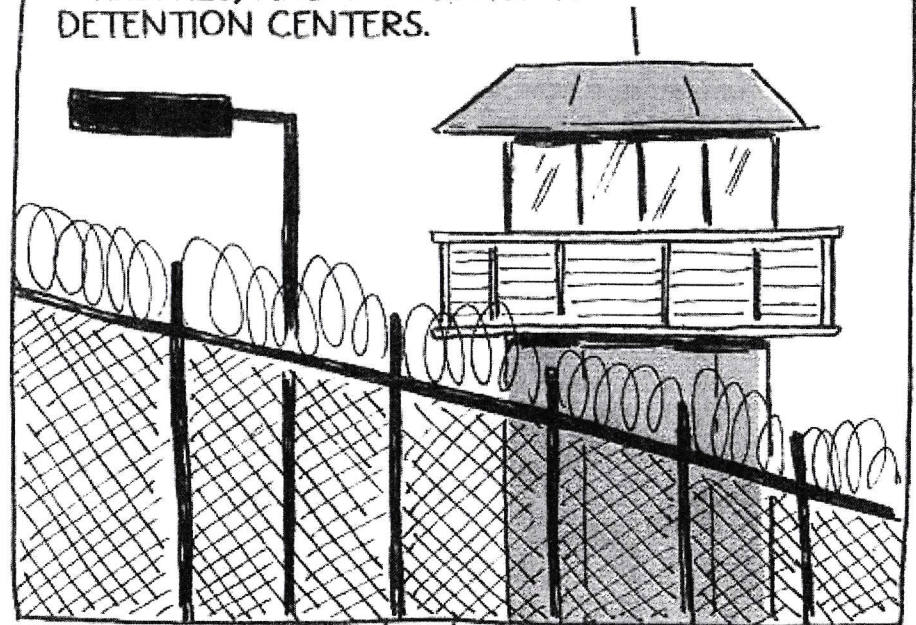
NOW, INCARCERATED PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCING RESTRICTION FROM THEIR LOVED ONES ON TOP OF THEIR ROUTINE FORCED ISOLATION.



RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE ROUGHLY 14,500
PEOPLE CAGED IN OREGON STATE PRISONS.



IN THE U.S., THERE ARE OVER 2.3 MILLION
PEOPLE INSIDE JAILS, PRISONS, CORRECTIONAL
FACILITIES, AND IMMIGRATION
DETENTION CENTERS.



LETTER WRITING IS A WAY TO ENGAGE
WITH INCARCERATED PEOPLE AND
UPLIFT THEIR STORIES.

ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WITHOUT
CONNECTIONS TO THE OUTSIDE, THE
SIMPLE ACT OF SOMEONE LISTENING
AND REACHING OUT IS A KINDNESS—
ONE THE STATE CONSTANTLY
ATTEMPTS TO DISRUPT.



OUR LETTER WRITING PROGRAM IS ALSO
A WAY TO SHARE POLITICAL EDUCATION
THAT IS OFTEN KEPT FROM PEOPLE
ON THE INSIDE.



THROUGH THE PROGRAM, PEOPLE ON THE OUTSIDE CAN HELP CONNECT INCARCERATED PEOPLE TO INFORMATION AND RESOURCES.



LETTER WRITING WITH INCARCERATED PEOPLE ENCOMPASSES OUR COMMITMENT TO CHANGE, AND THE INTERSECTION OF OUR PRIORITIES.



IN ORDER TO FIGHT FOR PRISON ABOLITION, WE MUST CONNECT WITH AND ADVOCATE FOR THOSE MOST IMPACTED BY THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX.

 **WAYS TO PLUG-IN
TO OUR MAIL PROGRAM** 

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FOR OUR MAIL NIGHT AT
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RAISE AWARENESS ON
SOCIAL MEDIA! SHARE POSTS
BY @CRITICALRESISTANCEPDX

MAKE YOUR OWN POST
CONNECTING YOUR WORK
TO THIS CAMPAIGN AND
THE IMPORTANCE OF
SUPPORTING PEOPLE WHO
ARE IMPRISONED. PLEASE TAG
US SO WE CAN REPOST!