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Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

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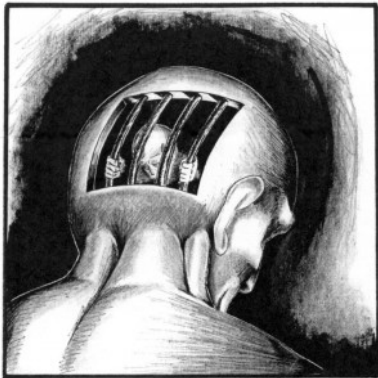
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by [Lisa Dawson](#) | July 7, 2013



When we publish Voices from Solitary, readers often ask how they can get in touch with the authors. Many people held in solitary confinement welcome correspondence from people on the outside. Readers interested in reaching out to people in isolation can visit our new page, [Letters to Solitary](#), to find mailing addresses for some of the writers and artists featured on Solitary Watch.

If you choose to write to these or any individuals in solitary, we recommend being clear in your first letter about how often you will be able to correspond and what you can and cannot offer (for example, legal assistance). Also send your first letter on plain paper without enclosures or labels and inquire as to the prisons policies on what incarcerated individuals may and may not receive (photographs, stamps, printed materials, etc.) Be aware that all correspondence may be read by prison staff. Writers must make their own decisions about what personal information to include in their letters.

Our initial list is brief, but will grow with time. A permanent link to the Letters to Solitary page can be found on our [Events/Actions](#) page.

Lisa Dawson served as an assistant editor, social media manager, and contributor at Solitary Watch. She continues to support prisoners and their family members who need help navigating re-entry. She is on Twitter [@endsolitary](#).

Accurate information and authentic storytelling can serve as powerful antidotes to ignorance and injustice. We have helped generate public awareness, mainstream media attention, and informed policymaking on what was once an invisible domestic human rights crisis.

Only with your support can we continue this groundbreaking work, shining light into the darkest corners of the U.S. criminal punishment system.

by [Juan Moreno Haines](#)

October 25, 2022

by [Solitary Watch Guest Author](#)

October 13, 2022

by [Vaidya Gullapalli](#)

September 29, 2022

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