

Greetings!

I write on behalf of a coalition of public health and criminal justice experts, university professors, and community advocates concerned about the COVID-19 crisis inside Oregon prisons. I have attached an open letter we authored to Governor Brown urging her to expand early release consideration to a broader segment of the prison population to address the spread of COVID. Specifically, we marshal the evidence to urge Gov Brown to expand consideration to people of violent or serious crimes who meet the additional criteria she established for early release in the spring of 2020, including that they have served at least 50% of their sentence and have a viable housing plan. Nearly 300 people signed the letter (signatures are included in the attached PDF).

Thank you,
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