



Release Wayland Coleman from Solitary!

Dear Commissioner Turco, Director and Deputy Directory Anahory and Langlois,

Our friend, Wayland Coleman with DOC #W65484, was thrown into solitary confinement Wednesday morning, 3/21. His only offence was picking up water he had paid for at canteen due to the toxic, discolored water provided to him from the taps at MCI Norfolk. We demand he be released immediately with no disciplinary shots, all his property returned to him, and no other prisoners be punished for seeking clean, safe water.

DEP testing and personal accounts from people locked up in this facility demonstrate the the water is unsafe to consume. Elevated levels of manganese and lead, along with high levels of sediment and rust, result in neurological, skin, and gastrointestinal problems. In solitary, you prohibit prisoners from accessing their property or canteen, forcing them to rely more fully on this contaminated water.

We demand that you provide him with 6 bottles of clean, bottled water per day until he is released from solitary.

We further demand that all prisoners at MCI Norfolk, and all state prisons, immediately be provided with clean, safe, sufficient, healthy, and free water plus backpay for all water bought at canteen since January 2011.

In Struggle,

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- Showing Up for Racial Justice Boston
- Young Abolitionists
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- Party for Socialism and Liberation
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- Independent former and current prisoner activists