

Dear Allison,

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We are the HIV positive women of Tutwiler Prison. We are faced with many things here in this prison with segregation being one. As of October 12, 2007 Warden [REDACTED] allowed us to be fed in the dining room instead of our trays being brought to us in the dorm. This was a major step considering the segregation policy of Alabama Department of Corrections. We were told by Warden Albright that we will have equal justice and we will not be treated any different than the other inmates here in the prison. With us being treated the same, we want to know why we all have to go to feeding when our dorm is called, but in population if you don't want to eat you are not required to go. Today we were totally humiliated when we were on the way back from feeding and Captain [REDACTED] instructed the inmates that were on the hall and to turn around and face the wall as we passed by. We are constantly being treated different. There was no need for the inmates to face the wall when they are the same inmates that we attend trade school with. We are made to feel like we are less than everyone else. It is not a problem with the inmates in the prison that we have but it is the authority figures. We are always talked down to and pointed out by officers. Earlier this month Captain [REDACTED] told an inmate that statistics are not always right, it is possible that you can contract HIV by a peck on the cheek, and then take it home to your kids. Allison we are mothers also, and we kiss and hug our children on visitation and none of our children have tested positive for anything. It is false information like this from authority figures that continue to keep us bound and spread ignorance and stigmatism. We would greatly appreciate it if you would schedule an appointment to talk with some of us personally. We need for someone to show some concern.

Thank you.

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