

# LOVED ONES COALITION

## Weekly Report

### Documenting Systemic Violations Across the Federal Bureau of Prisons

Reporting Period: November 3–November 10, 2025

The Loved Ones Coalition (LOC) submits this Weekly Report to document ongoing, system-wide violations inside the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Based on corroborated reports from incarcerated individuals, loved ones, and cooperating staff, alongside documentary and visual evidence held by LOC, the conditions described here reflect structural patterns—not isolated or exceptional incidents.

Across multiple regions and custody levels, we continue to see the same core failures repeating with consistency: collective punishment lockdowns used in place of incident-specific security response; deprivation of heat, hot water, sanitary living conditions, and safe environmental temperatures; denial and delay of medical care, including failure to accommodate known health risks; obstruction of First Step Act programming and earned-time credit application; retaliation against individuals who attempt to file grievances; and interference with personal and legal correspondence. These practices violate federal law, constitutional protections, and mandatory BOP Program Standards, while directly undermining rehabilitation, family stability, and safe reentry.

To protect those most vulnerable to retaliation, identifying details are withheld in this report; however, underlying records—including written statements, time-stamped video, medical documentation, and administrative correspondence—are preserved and available for review by oversight authorities. Where individuals or families have consented to attribution, their statements are provided to ensure the public record cannot be erased or rewritten.

The conditions summarized in this report reflect a custody system in which deprivation, delay, and coercive pressure are normalized tools of operation. LOC will continue to document, escalate, and support direct oversight intervention until lawful standards of care, safety, communication, and due process are restored.

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**LOC Escalation Notice — Evidence Handling & Walkthrough Request**

The Loved Ones Coalition has received significant video documentation this week demonstrating structural failure conditions across multiple federal facilities. The footage includes dorm environments, plumbing collapse, standing water, damaged ceilings, deteriorating ventilation systems, and temperature-control failures.

To be clear:

We are not identifying which facilities the footage came from.

BOP leadership has historically responded to exposure by shaking down units, or retaliating, instead of repairing the conditions themselves.

We will not provide this footage to the Bureau of Prisons directly.

We are willing to provide it to:

- Members of Congress
- Committee Oversight Staff
- The DOJ Office of Inspector General
- Civil Rights Division investigators

BOP leadership:

If you want to know which facilities these videos were taken in,

walk your own institutions.

Send leadership.

Look at the ceilings.

Look at the vents.

Smell the mold.

Check the shower temperatures.

Feel the air coming through the vents.

That is your job, not ours.

For congressional offices and oversight personnel requesting video evidence:

Please contact [info@lovedonescoalition.org](mailto:info@lovedonescoalition.org) with subject line "Oversight Footage Request."

We will provide:

- Screenshots publicly (to prevent retaliation), and
- Full video files upon secure request from congressional or OIG staff.

We do not release raw video to the Bureau of Prisons under any circumstances due to documented retaliation risks.

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Ceiling is falling in from water damage. They are using buckets to catch the water and the pieces of the ceiling that are falling.







Ceiling leak directly over a bunk. Sprinkler leaking continuously. Ceiling collapsing.







Ceiling has 7+ active leaks. 3 are directly over bunks, and one is dripping at head level where a person sleeps. Sprinkler system is leaking. Ceiling is collapsing. Buckets are being used to catch fall-through. This is not maintenance — this is unsafe housing.

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## **NORTHEAST REGION (NER)**

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### **FCI McKean (Camp) — Ongoing Systemic Violations**

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#### **1. Summary of Allegations**

Multiple testimonies, video evidence, and direct family reports confirm ongoing systemic violations at FCI McKean Camp, including:

- Repeated facility-wide lockdowns as collective punishment without incident-specific cause.
- Handcuffing incarcerated individuals during movement to/from showers during lockdowns.
- Hot water intentionally shut off as a punitive measure.
- Suspension of phone and email access to the entire population as retaliation for alleged contraband.
- Lack of FSA-compliant programming, obstructing earned time credit application.
- Environmental health hazards, including:
  - Active water intrusion
  - Mold-compromised wall surfaces
  - Ceiling deterioration
  - Standing water in living quarters

- Medical neglect, including failure to provide required accommodation for a documented, severe canine allergy.

These conditions violate:

- Federal custody standards
- First Amendment communication rights
- Eighth Amendment protections against inhumane conditions
- First Step Act implementation requirements

## 2. Key Allegation & Violation Matrix

<b>Allegation</b>	<b>Policy / Statute Violated</b>	<b>Evidence Type</b>	<b>Confidence</b>
Collective punishment lockdowns	28 C.F.R. § 541.20	Multiple testimonies	High
Restraints during shower movement	P.S. 5538.06	Testimony + pattern	High
Suspension of communication access	28 C.F.R. § 540.100	Group timeline reports	High
Hot water shutoff as discipline	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2)	Testimony + footage	High

Denial of medical accommodation	P.S. 6031.04 + ADA Title II	Family medical documentation	High
Lack of FSA programming	18 U.S.C. § 3632(d)	Camp-wide confirmation	High

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### 3. Direct Testimonies

“Lockdowns for no reason... no programming for any inmates. They might as well call it FCI McLockdown. Handcuffed to and from showers.”

“FCI McKean shut off hot water to discipline EVERYONE... Going on a week with no calls/email too.”

“He has a severe, documented dog allergy. He is breaking out in hives and struggling to breathe. Medical has only given Zyrtec.”

This allergy has documented hospitalization history and qualifies for ADA accommodation.

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### 4. Environmental & Safety Conditions

confirmed:

- Active wall and ceiling deterioration
- Mold-related peeling and rot
- Exposed ventilation interiors
- Standing water on floors
- Improvised leak containment containers

These conditions violate:

- P.S. 1600.11 (Environmental Health & Safety)
  - 18 U.S.C. § 4042(a) (Duty to ensure humane conditions)
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## **5. Systemic Pattern**

McKean exhibits a predictable operational model:

1. Contraband allegation
2. Compound-wide punishment
3. Communication deprivation
4. Program access obstruction
5. Medical neglect as coercion

This is not discipline — it is control through deprivation.

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## **6. Oversight Demands**

LOC calls for immediate intervention by:

- BOP Northeast Regional Office
- Congressional Office of Rep. Summer Lee
- DOJ Office of Inspector General

Required corrective actions:

1. Immediate medical accommodation for documented allergy.
2. End of collective punishment lockdowns.

3. Restoration of hot water, showers, phone, and email access.
  4. Emergency external environmental inspection.
  5. Restoration of FSA-compliant programming.
  6. Written explanation for restraint-use policies.
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## **7. LOC Statement**

The issues at FCI McKean are structural, not incidental.

If unaddressed, the harm continues.

We do not leave our people in silence.

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## **FPC Schuylkill (Camp) — Ongoing Systemic Violations**

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### **1. Summary of Allegations**

Multiple firsthand testimonies from incarcerated individuals and loved ones document the following ongoing conditions at FPC Schuylkill Camp:

- A reported in-custody death in which the incarcerated individual was allegedly deceased for several hours before staff responded.
- Conflicting statements between staff and incarcerated witnesses regarding the time of death and response timeline.
- Increased distress, panic, and fear among the population following the incident.
- Halfway house placements restricted to 60 days, far below First Step Act eligibility expectations.
- Disciplinary shots issued for minor conduct, reducing FSA credits and delaying release.

- A culture of fear-based compliance discouraging individuals from filing grievances due to perceived retaliation.

These conditions raise immediate concerns regarding:

- Emergency response protocols
- Duty-of-care standards
- Release preparation under the First Step Act
- Retaliatory custody culture

## 2. Key Allegation & Violation Table

<b>Allegation / Condition</b>	<b>Policy or Statute Violated</b>	<b>Evidence Type</b>	<b>Confidence</b>
Possible delayed medical response resulting in preventable death	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2) (Duty to provide care and safekeeping)	Multiple testimonies	High
Contradictory reporting regarding time of death	ACA Core Jail Standards 4-ALDF-2A-50 (Documentation transparency)	Consistent witness accounts	Medium
Restricting halfway house placements to 60 days	18 U.S.C. § 3624(g) (FSA release planning)	Group reports	High

Excessive disciplinary shots reducing FSA credits	P.S. 5270.09 + FSA Implementation Guidance	Loved one testimony + time credit impact	High
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Retaliatory climate discouraging grievances	P.S. 1330.18 (Administrative Remedy Program)	Multiple independent accounts	High
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### 3. Direct Testimonies

“We had an inmate die in the camp Wednesday morning. He had been dead for hours. Staff are now saying he ‘wasn’t dead’ when we found him, but everyone here knows he was.”

“This place is nuts. They’re only giving 60 days halfway house and writing shots for anything. They are doing everything they can to stop people from getting out early.”

Testimonies reflect fear, distrust, and destabilization among the incarcerated population.

### 4. Systemic Pattern Analysis

National Pattern	Evidence at Schuylkill
Medical response delays linked to preventable deaths	Inconsistent time-of-death reporting; delayed staff response
Restricting FSA implementation to limit releases	60-day halfway house placement standard

Disciplinary process used to obstruct release      Excessive shots reducing time credits

Climate of fear suppressing grievances      Witnesses avoid filing BP forms due to retaliation concern

This reflects administrative culture, not isolated staff decisions.

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## 5. Oversight Demands

The Loved Ones Coalition calls for:

1. Immediate review of medical response timeline and official documentation regarding the reported death.
  2. Verification of halfway house placement determinations under FSA eligibility standards.
  3. Audit of incident report issuance over the last 120 days to identify patterns of release obstruction.
  4. Independent communication assurance system so individuals can report conditions without retaliation.
  5. Notification to DOJ Office of Inspector General to review emergency response standards and mortality reporting accuracy.
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## MID-ATLANTIC REGION (MXR)

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### FMC Lexington (Kentucky) — Temperature & Climate Control Neglect

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## 1. Summary of Allegations

Multiple loved ones report that heating is being withheld inside housing units at FMC Lexington despite freezing indoor temperatures. Reports indicate:

- Individuals are sleeping and living in cold conditions resulting in physical discomfort.
- Staff offices and administrative areas remain heated.
- During summer months, the reverse occurs: no AC for incarcerated individuals, full AC for staff.
- This demonstrates resource disparity, not equipment failure.

These conditions represent systemic disregard for basic environmental safety requirements and humane living standards.

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## 2. Key Allegation & Violation Table

<b>Allegation</b>	<b>Policy / Statute Violated</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Heat withheld during freezing indoor conditions	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2) (Duty to ensure life-safety in custody)	Creates preventable health risk
Staff areas heated while units are not	8th Amendment – deliberate indifference standard	Demonstrates discriminatory resource allocation
Prolonged exposure to extreme temperatures	P.S. 1600.11 (Environmental Health & Safety)	Violates minimum facility condition standards
Failure to provide cooling in summer	ACA Environmental Standard 4-4120	Seasonal temperature control must be maintained in housing units

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### **3. Direct Testimony**

“FMC Lexington won’t turn the heat on. It’s freezing in there. Meanwhile the guards have heat — and AC in the summer. The inmates have none.”

This is not miscommunication.

This is unequal access to basic environmental survival conditions.

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### **4. Environmental Health Risk**

Consistent exposure to extreme cold or heat increases risk of:

- Respiratory infection
- Asthma & chronic lung condition flare-ups
- Joint stiffness and chronic pain
- Hypothermia risk in winter exposure conditions
- Cardiac stress in medically vulnerable individuals

FMC Lexington houses individuals with chronic medical needs, making this a high-risk neglect scenario.

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### **5. Oversight Demands**

The Loved Ones Coalition formally requests:

1. Immediate inspection of heating and cooling systems by Regional Facilities Management.
2. Temperature audit logs recorded twice daily for all housing units (not just staff offices).
3. Written corrective action plan issued to loved ones within 5 business days.

4. Independent environmental health safety assessment, not conducted by the institution.
  5. Review of climate-control resource allocation to determine whether staff are being prioritized over incarcerated individuals in violation of equal treatment standards.
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## **LOC Position**

Temperature control is not optional.

It is a minimum condition of human safety in custody.

Environmental deprivation is a form of coercion and control.

And we do not allow our people to freeze or suffer in silence.

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## **FCC Hazelton (USP & FCI) — Systemic Conditions & Retaliatory Confinement Practices**

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### **1. Summary of Allegations**

Reports from incarcerated individuals and loved ones document ongoing environmental and retaliatory conditions, including:

- No running water in certain units for 1–3 days at a time, with no alternative drinking or sanitation water provided.
- Cold-water-only showers lasting multiple weeks.
- Cells described as “ice cold” due to ventilation systems forcing cold air continuously.
- Individuals placed in SHU in retaliation for:
  - Requesting medical care
  - Filing grievances

- Reporting environmental conditions
- Delayed medical response during water and temperature deprivation, including collapse and illness.

These conditions reflect forced deprivation, environmental neglect, and retaliatory confinement practices.

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## 2. Key Allegation & Violation Table

<b>Allegation</b>	<b>Policy / Law Violated</b>	<b>Evidence Type</b>	<b>Confidence</b>
Water shutoffs (no drinking water / no flushing)	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2) (Duty to ensure health & sanitation)	Multiple testimonies	High
Cold-only showers / failure to maintain safe temperature	P.S. 1600.11 (Environmental Health & Safety)	Family + incarcerated reports	High
SHU placement after medical requests or grievances	P.S. 5270.09 + First Amendment Retaliation Standards	Pattern-based testimony	High
Delayed emergency medical response during deprivation	Eighth Amendment deliberate indifference standard	Testimony describing illness/collapse	High

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## 3. Direct Testimonies

“There hasn’t been no water in 2 days. Nothing running. They said to ‘wait it out.’”

“Hot water is off. The vents are blowing cold air. Sleeping in 3 layers and still shaking.”

“People are going to medical trying to get help and they are getting put in the SHU instead.”

“They punish entire units when someone complains.”

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#### 4. Systemic Pattern Analysis

Pattern	Description	Risk Outcome
Collective Punishment	Entire units lose water and heat over isolated incidents.	Elevated tension and destabilization
Retaliatory SHU	Filing grievances → immediate segregation.	Suppression of lawful advocacy
Medical Indifference	Illness and dehydration left untreated.	Increased hospitalization risk
Environmental Neglect	Ventilation systems override heat settings.	Hypothermia & respiratory illness risk

Hazelton has long functioned as one of the highest-risk operational cultures in the BOP.

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#### 5. Oversight Demands

LOC formally requests:

1. Immediate restoration of water access and public documentation of cause and repair timeline.
2. Emergency HVAC and hot water inspection conducted by a non-BOP environmental contractor.
3. Review and reversal of retaliatory SHU placements linked to medical or grievance requests.
4. OIG inquiry into environmental neglect and medical indifference.
5. Regional directive prohibiting collective punishment through water and heat shutoffs.

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## **LOC Position**

Hazleton is operating under a control-through-deprivation model:

Restrict water.

Restrict heat.

Restrict care.

Isolate complaints.

This is not mismanagement.

This is structural abuse.

LOC will continue to track, report, escalate, and expose.

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## **FCI McDowell — Sanitation & Basic Living Condition Failures**

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### **1. Summary of Allegations**

Multiple reports indicate that individuals at FCI McDowell are being held in cells with unsafe and unsanitary living conditions, including:

- Non-functional toilets, resulting in sewage and waste accumulation in living units.
- No clean running water, preventing basic sanitation, hydration, and hygiene.
- No electricity for extended periods — one report indicates over two weeks without power.
- Confinement in cells 22 hours per day, despite individuals not being under disciplinary status.
- Transfers to “replacement cells” that also lacked working fixtures, indicating facility-wide infrastructure failure, not isolated incidents.

These conditions violate mandatory federal sanitation, basic living standards, and constitutional protections.

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## 2. Key Allegation & Violation Table

Category	Allegation	Policy / Statute Violated
Sanitation	Cells with no functioning toilets; sewage accumulation	28 C.F.R. § 551.16; P.S. 6031.04
Water Access	No clean running water available	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); P.S. 6400.02
Utilities	No electricity for extended periods	Life Safety Code / Minimum Environment Standards
Restrictive Confinement	22-hour cell confinement despite non-disciplinary status	Potential 5th & 8th Amendment violations

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### **3. Direct Testimony**

“Was in a cell with no working toilet, then moved to a cell with no electricity and no clean water. Going on 2 weeks with no electricity now; locked in the cell for 22 hours a day.”

This statement is consistent with multiple independent reports describing prolonged deprivation and environmental neglect.

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### **4. Oversight Demands**

The Loved Ones Coalition calls for:

1. Immediate inspection of all impacted housing units.
  2. Emergency restoration of toilets, running water, and electrical access.
  3. Verification of living conditions by Regional and Central Office oversight personnel.
  4. Written updates to families within 48 hours detailing corrective actions and timelines.
  5. Civil rights compliance review under 28 C.F.R. § 39.130 and Eighth Amendment precedent.
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## **SOUTHEAST REGION (SER)**

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### **FCI Aliceville — Restriction of Reading Materials & Economic Coercion**

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#### **1. Summary of Allegations**

Loved ones report that effective December 1, FCI Aliceville will ban all books and personal reading materials sent from Amazon, ThriftBooks, and other standard commercial distributors.

Individuals will instead be required to purchase books from a limited “prison-approved vendor list,” which is:

- More expensive
- More restrictive
- Controlled internally by the institution

This change severely limits:

- Access to literature, education, religious study, journaling, and mental health resources
- Affordability for families (Amazon/ThriftBooks often 50–80% cheaper)
- The constitutional right to receive reading materials

This reflects:

- Commercial profit-motivated restriction, not safety-based policy
- Collective punishment disguised as “security control”

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## 2. Key Allegation & Violation Table

<b>Allegation</b>	<b>Policy / Law Violated</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Ban on books from Amazon, ThriftBooks, and standard vendors	Program Statement 5266.11 (Incoming Publications)	BOP policy permits books shipped directly from publishers/book vendors.
Forced purchases from “approved vendors only”	Turner v. Safley (1987); Thornburgh v. Abbott (1989)	Restrictions must be justified by safety, not profit.

Financial burden placed on families

Equal Protection & ADA literacy access implications

Disproportionately harms low-income and disabled individuals.

No documented security justification provided

Administrative Procedure Act (APA) standards

Policy changes require justification, transparency, and review.

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### 3. Direct Testimony

“Aliceville starting 12/1 will not allow packages from Amazon, ThriftBooks, or any other reading companies. They must order only from the prison-approved vendor list. Reading books, coloring books, journals, and scrapbook supplies are cheaper on Amazon”

This is not a safety regulation.

This is financial gatekeeping.

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### 4. Oversight Demands

The Loved Ones Coalition calls for:

1. Immediate release of the written policy memo and justification language.
2. Full disclosure of vendor list, contract terms, and price comparison transparency.
3. Regional Counsel review regarding legality under PS 5266.11.
4. Restoration of book access from standard distributors (Amazon, ThriftBooks, publisher-direct).
5. Written assurance that individuals will not be disciplined for receiving permitted reading materials.

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## **LOC Position**

Books are not a security threat.

Books are stability, education, and mental survival.

Restricting access to reading materials is:

- Psychological control
- Economic exploitation
- A direct violation of rehabilitation standards

We do not allow literacy to become a luxury.

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## **FCI Jesup — Interference with Mail, Publications, and First Amendment Rights**

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### **1. Summary of Allegations**

Multiple incarcerated individuals report systemic interference with incoming publications, magazines, and personal correspondence at FCI Jesup.

Reports indicate that staff have:

- Required incarcerated individuals to sign legal affidavits to receive magazines and reading materials.
- Escalated consequences when individuals requested to review the affidavit before signing.
- Threatened to classify unopened publications as “suspicious packages” and forward them to SIS, despite no contraband being alleged or observed.

- Framed the act of asserting the right to review a legal document as “threatening behavior.”
- Subsequently seized and withheld lawful publications.

This constitutes:

- Wrongful interference with First Amendment rights to receive publications
- Retaliation in response to a protected legal inquiry
- Unauthorized modification of policy procedure outside any BOP program statement

## 2. Key Allegation & Violation Table

Allegation	Policy / Law Violated	Notes
Forced affidavit signature to receive a publication	P.S. 5800.17 (Mail Management Manual) — magazines are correspondence, not packages	No BOP policy allows conditioning receipt on a liability affidavit
Retaliatory withholding of publications after questioning legality	P.S. 3420.12 (Employee Conduct Standards) — prohibits retaliation	Staff escalated when individual asserted right to review a legal document
Misuse of SIS referral under the label “suspicious package”	28 C.F.R. § 540.13 — prohibits mail interference without cause	Envelope was unopened; no contraband alleged

Violation of First Amendment  
right to receive reading  
materials

Turner v. Safley (1987);  
Thornburgh v. Abbott (1989)

Constitutional  
access-to-publication rights  
apply

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### **3. Direct Testimony**

“I was summoned to the mailroom to receive a magazine my family ordered. Under Program Statement 5800.17 and 5266.11, magazines are considered correspondence, not packages.”

“Mailroom staff presented me with an affidavit and said I was required to sign it to receive the magazine.”

“When I mentioned I am a paralegal and would research a policy, the staff member claimed I had ‘threatened’ him.”

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### **4. Oversight Demands**

The Loved Ones Coalition calls for:

1. Immediate review of mailroom procedures and staff conduct at FCI Jesup.
  2. Written clarification from Regional Counsel regarding legality of affidavit requirements for publications.
  3. Mandatory retraining for mailroom staff regarding P.S. 5800.17 and P.S. 5266.11.
  4. Immediate release and restoration of withheld publications to their intended recipients.
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## **FCI Talladega — Collective Punishment & Non-Emergency Lockdown Practices**

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## 1. Summary of Allegations

Incarcerated individuals report repeated facility-wide lockdowns that are not tied to documented security emergencies, but instead to:

- Drug overdoses occurring in other housing units
- Staff convenience and workload avoidance
- Weekend staffing shortages
- Recreational distractions, specifically football games

Entire units are repeatedly punished for incidents occurring elsewhere, constituting collective punishment, which is prohibited under BOP standards.

These lockdowns restrict:

- Movement
- Showers and hygiene access
- Phone and email communication
- Work assignments and pay
- Programming access and FSA time credit qualification

This directly interferes with rehabilitation, reentry preparation, and family stability.

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## 2. Key Violation Table

Issue	Policy / Legal Standard Violated	Notes
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Collective punishment lockdowns	P.S. 5538.07 (Use of Force & Restrictive Housing)	Lockdowns must be tied to specific, documented threat conditions.
Routine weekend lockdowns	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2) (Duty to ensure humane care)	Lockdowns due to staff preference or convenience violate statutory duty.
Restriction of communication & movement	First Amendment + FSA Earned Time Credit Access Requirements	Lockdowns deprive individuals of time credits and legal communication access.
Failure to address drug overdose root causes	P.S. 5324.12 (Drug Treatment & Prevention)	Lockdown ≠ treatment, monitoring, detox support, or recovery programming.

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### 3. Direct Quotes

“FCI Talladega is locking everyone down when people get high. Someone OD’d in the other dorm and they locked everyone down. We are not in control of what the next person does. I am only responsible for my actions.”

“We came back out the next day at 11am, then were locked down again after 5pm. We stayed on the flats the rest of the night.”

“Every weekend we have been put on lockdown just because. This started when football season started.”

These are not security responses — this is punitive culture.

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## 4. Systemic Pattern Analysis

Pattern	Explanation	Outcome
Security theater instead of treatment	Lockdowns are used to avoid addressing drug use	No intervention, increased overdose risk
Staff workload avoidance disguised as “safety”	Weekend lockdowns correlate to staffing shortages and football season	Operational decisions driven by convenience
Punishment-driven operations culture	Individuals punished for others’ actions	Psychological destabilization and dorm tension
FSA noncompliance via program disruption	Lockdowns prevent access to required programming	Loss of release eligibility and delayed reentry

This is policy by culture, not response to threat.

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## 5. Oversight Demands

LOC formally calls for:

1. Lockdown log disclosure, including justification memos, affected units, and duration.
  2. Overdose Response Plan Audit, including naloxone deployment and clinical follow-up access.
  3. Weekend staffing level review relative to lockdown frequency.
  4. Restoration of FSA credits for programming lost during non-emergency lockdowns.
  5. Regional directive prohibiting collective punishment as a disciplinary substitute.
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# FCC Yazoo City (Low • Medium • Camp) — Ongoing Systemic Violations

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## 1. Summary of Allegations

Corroborated reports from incarcerated individuals, cooperating staff, and loved ones document ongoing systemic violations across FCC Yazoo City (Low/Medium/Camp), including:

- Recurring unit-wide lockdowns used as collective punishment without incident-specific justification.
- Communication deprivation, including compound-wide phone and TRULINCS shutdowns, and mail delays/returns without cause.
- Environmental and infrastructure failures:
  - No hot water, cold-only showers
  - Irregular heat/AC
  - Ceiling leaks and persistent moisture/mold exposure
- Medical neglect and delayed treatment:
  - Sick-call requests closed without evaluation
  - Outside medical appointments canceled or never scheduled
  - Chronic-care follow-up inconsistent or absent
- FSA / SCA noncompliance, including:
  - Limited or obstructed EBRR/PA programming
  - Miscalculated earned-time credits
  - “Lost” needs-assessment sheets
  - Halfway house and home-confinement placements capped below eligibility
- Retaliation and grievance interference, including:

- BP-forms “missing”
- Threats of SHU for filing grievances
- Threats to block loved ones’ phone numbers

These conditions violate federal law, constitutional rights, and multiple BOP Program Statements.

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## 2. Key Allegation & Violation Matrix

<b>Allegation</b>	<b>Policy / Statute Violated</b>	<b>Evidence Type</b>	<b>Confidence</b>
Collective-punishment lockdowns	28 C.F.R. § 541.20; P.S. 5500.14	Multiple consistent testimonies across units	High
Phone/TRULINCS blackouts & mail interference	28 C.F.R. § 540.100; P.S. 5800.17; P.S. 5265.14	Loved-one reports; timeline consistency	High
No hot water / HVAC failures / mold risk	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); P.S. 1600.11	Photo/video evidence + testimony	High
Medical neglect & canceled outside care	P.S. 6031.04; 28 C.F.R. § 549.10	Sick-call logs + testimony	High
FSA credit obstruction & placement caps	18 U.S.C. § 3632(d); § 3624(g)	Program access records + release impact	High

Retaliation for  
grievances

P.S. 1330.18; P.S.  
3420.12

Repeated consistent  
accounts

Medium–High

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### **3. Direct Statements**

“Whole compound locked down again. Phones and email off, no incident in our dorm—everyone punished.”

“Showers are ice cold all week. They say ‘maintenance is aware’ but nothing changes.”

“Medical closed my sick call without seeing me. Outside appointment ‘pending’ for months.”

“They keep losing our BPs. If you push it, they say you’re asking for SHU.”

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### **4. Environmental & Safety Conditions**

LOC review of photographic and video documentation confirms:

- Ceiling leaks with containers placed to catch active drips
- Peeling paint and wall delamination consistent with prolonged moisture exposure
- Standing water near bunks and common areas
- Unreliable hot water and HVAC consistent with temperature-risk conditions

These conditions violate P.S. 1600.11 and elevate respiratory, infection, and sanitation risk.

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## **5. Systemic Pattern**

FCC Yazoo City exhibits a control-through-deprivation operational model:

1. Group lockdowns
2. Cut communications
3. Restrict showers/hot water
4. Block FSA programming & placements
5. Retaliate against grievances

This is operational culture, not incident response.

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## **6. Oversight Demands**

LOC calls for immediate intervention by SCR and DOJ OIG:

1. End collective punishment and publish lockdown logs with justification & duration.
  2. Restore phones/TRULINCS and certify mail handling compliance under P.S. 5800.17.
  3. Emergency environmental inspection by a non-BOP contractor; remediate leaks/mold within 14 days.
  4. Medical audit of pending callouts, cancellations, and chronic-care follow-ups.
  5. FSA compliance review: programming access, credit calculation, HWH/home-confinement placements.
  6. Administrative Remedy integrity check and written assurances against retaliation.
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## **LOC Position**

FCC Yazoo City is operating below lawful minimum standards for:

- Safety
  - Medical care
  - Communication access
  - Rehabilitation and release preparation
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## SOUTH CENTRAL REGION (SCR)

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### **USP Pollock — Environmental Exposure & Medical Neglect**

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#### **1. Summary of Allegations**

Corroborated reports from incarcerated individuals and loved ones document dangerously cold living conditions inside USP Pollock. Reports indicate:

- Heating systems non-functional for multiple weeks
- Individuals unable to maintain body heat despite wearing:
  - Thermals
  - Two sweaters
  - Two hats
- Incarcerated individuals report uncontrollable shivering for days
- Vents blowing freezing air, with attempts to block vents using clothing failing to reduce exposure
- Cold-water-only showers and sinks for 2+ weeks

- Visitation rooms also freezing, requiring layered clothing to remain inside

These conditions reflect:

- Environmental neglect
- Violation of minimum living temperature standards
- Failure to maintain basic human safety conditions required under federal law

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## 2. Key Allegation & Violation Table

<b>Allegation</b>	<b>Policy / Law Violated</b>	<b>Evidence</b>	<b>Confidence</b>
Housing units maintained at unsafe freezing temperatures	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); P.S. 1600.11 (Environmental Health)	Multiple family + incarcerated testimony	High
Forced cold-water showers for 2+ weeks	Eighth Amendment protections; P.S. 1600.11 sanitation standards	Repeated direct reports	High
Ventilation system forcing cold air without adjustment	ACA Environmental Standard 4-4120	Testimonies describing attempted vent blockage	High
Failure to remedy known environmental hazard	Deliberate Indifference Standard (Farmer v. Brennan)	Duration of exposure indicates awareness	High

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### 3. Direct Quotes From Inside

“It is freezing at Pollock. My man told me he was shivering and couldn’t get control of his body heat for the past two days. He is wearing thermals, two hats, and two sweaters. It’s still freezing.”

“They stuffed the vents with clothing items to block the cold air, but it’s still cold.”

“The visitation room is so cold that no one can come unless they have a sweater.”

“They have been showering and washing hair in cold water only for over two weeks with no timeline for repair.”

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### 4. Systemic Pattern Identified

National Pattern	Pollock Evidence
Temperature control failures linked to cost-cutting or deferred maintenance	Heating system left unrepaired for > 2 weeks
No emergency contingency for environmental failures	No blankets, heaters, or temporary housing provided
Retaliation risk for filing grievances or complaints	Individuals avoid filing BP forms due to SHU threat

This is not a one-time HVAC failure.

This is prolonged environmental exposure that was reported and ignored.

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## **5. Health Risks**

Prolonged cold exposure increases risk of:

- Hypothermia
- Respiratory infection
- Pneumonia
- Asthma exacerbation
- Circulatory stress (especially for elders and individuals with chronic illness)

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## **6. Oversight Demands**

The Loved Ones Coalition formally calls for:

1. Emergency HVAC inspection by a licensed external contractor.
2. Immediate provision of warm clothing, blankets, and heated shower access.
3. Maintenance log disclosure for heating system repairs over the past 60 days.
4. Regional environmental compliance review under P.S. 1600.11.
5. Written justification for failure to provide safe temperature conditions.

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## **LOC Position**

This is not a comfort issue.

This is a life-safety failure in federal custody.

We do not allow our people to freeze in silence.

Escalation: Active.

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# NORTH CENTRAL REGION (NCR)

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## FCI Florence Camp — Collective Punishment, Program Obstruction, and Grievance Retaliation

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### 1. Summary of Allegations

Reports from incarcerated individuals and family members indicate systemic collective punishment, restricted hygiene access, and obstruction of First Step Act programming, alongside retaliatory interference with administrative remedies.

Documented patterns include:

- Lockdowns used as routine control measures, not as responses to emergencies.
- Shower access restricted to ~1 per range, resulting in 300+ individuals competing for ~6 functioning showers.
- FSA programming access blocked, reportedly requiring payment, barter, or “favors” to enroll.
- Individuals attempting to file grievances report forms being ripped up or refused, violating the Administrative Remedy Program.
- Cells without power being used for prolonged confinement, worsening mental health conditions.
- Widespread untreated trauma and substance dependency, increasing crisis and overdose risk.

These reflect organizational failure, retaliatory custody practice, and negligent rehabilitation administration.

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### 2. Key Violation Table

<b>Allegation / Condition</b>	<b>Relevant Policy / Law Violated</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Routine lockdowns and collective punishment	28 C.F.R. § 541.22; P.S. 5270.09	Collective punishment is prohibited; lockdowns must be justified.
Shower access restricted to ~6 showers for ~300 people	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2) (duty to ensure humane sanitation)	Creates hygiene, health, and infection risk.
FSA programming withheld or made “favor-based”	18 U.S.C. § 3632(d); P.S. 5410.01	Denies release credits and reentry preparation.
Administrative remedies being destroyed or refused	P.S. 1330.18 (Administrative Remedy Program)	Direct violation of due process and grievance rights.
Staff verbal harassment and intimidation	BOP Standards of Employee Conduct	Creates unsafe psychological environment.
Prolonged confinement in cells without power	Eighth Amendment minimum conditions standards	“Cells without power generate hate” repeatedly reported.

### **3. Direct Quotes From Inside**

**(anonymized to prevent retaliation)**

“We’re lucky to have 10 guys get a hot shower throughout the entire day. When we brought it up to the camp admin, she told us, ‘I can

shut down all showers but one in each range.’ There’s 300 guys. The math don’t math.”

“If you really need help — PTSD, trauma, parenting — good luck. You don’t get into classes without paying somebody or doing a favor. The ones who need the help end up turning to drugs.”

“They throw us in the cell on lockdown for days or weeks, feed us trash, and leave us without power. The rooms without power generate hate. That’s the point.”

“My unit team manager screams at us every day. I watched her rip up someone’s administrative remedy packet right in front of me and another CO. That CO quit because of the staff here.”

“People give up trying to fix their FSA needs sheet. They know the remedies won’t be processed. So everybody stays stuck.”

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#### **4. Oversight Demands**

The Loved Ones Coalition calls for:

1. Inspection of shower access and sanitation conditions, including maintenance logs.
2. Immediate suspension of collective-punishment lockdown practices without documented justification.
3. Audit of FSA programming access, including:
  - Assignment procedures
  - Enrollment barriers
  - Earned-time credit accuracy
4. Review of unit management conduct, including:

- Harassment
  - Retaliation
  - Destruction or refusal of BP-8/BP-9 submissions
5. OIA referral for interference with grievance processing.
  6. Notification to Colorado congressional oversight offices for external monitoring.

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## **LOC Position**

FCI Florence Camp is demonstrating:

- Obstruction of rehabilitation
- Retaliation against self-advocacy
- Negligent maintenance and mental health disregard

These are systemic, not isolated events.

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## **FMC Rochester (Minnesota) — Medical Neglect & Retaliatory Administrative Abuse**

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### **1. Summary of Allegations**

Multiple firsthand testimonies document a pattern of retaliatory administrative action and medical neglect at FMC Rochester. Reports indicate:

- Encumbrance status imposed without due process, restricting access to personal funds and communication for 90+ days.
- Denial of medical care resulting in critical health decline, including kidney damage and inability to retain fluids.

- 51 days in SHU following a false SIS allegation later dismissed and expunged.
- A 32-day hunger strike undertaken in response to retaliatory punishment.
- Continued medical instability after release from SHU, with inadequate follow-up care.

These combined actions indicate systemic abuse of administrative authority led by facility leadership, including the Warden and SIS.

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## 2. Key Allegation & Violation Table

<b>Allegation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Relevant Policy / Law Violated</b>
Retaliatory Encumbrance Status	3+ months on encumbrance without evidence; facility refused to state alleged sender of funds	P.S. 4500.12 Sec. 8 (prohibits punitive encumbrance without justification)
Abuse of Administrative Remedy System	BP-8 through BP-11 filings ignored or delayed	28 C.F.R. § 542.18 (requires timely responses)
Retaliatory SHU Placement	51 days in SHU based on false SIS allegation later expunged	P.S. 5270.09 (segregation must be based on valid incident report)
Medical Neglect After Hunger Strike	Critical thiamine deficiency, kidney failure, ongoing gastrointestinal distress	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2) & P.S. 6031.04 (duty to ensure medical care)
Obstruction of Communication	Emails blocked; mail delayed; emotional support restricted	P.S. 5265.14 (protects correspondence rights)

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### **3. Direct Testimonies**

**(verbatim, anonymized)**

“The warden is weaponizing Program Statement 4500.12 Section 8 to strip us of privileges even when we have not been accused or found guilty of wrongdoing.”

“I filed all the remedies all the way to the BP-11. None were answered.”

“When SIS accused me of a threatening email from someone else’s computer, I went on hunger strike. They locked me in SHU for 51 days. Once the report was dismissed and expunged, I was released.”

“My hunger strike lasted 32 days. My thiamine levels can’t be detected. I have acute kidney failure. I cannot keep food down. Even water sometimes comes back up. I am in bad shape.”

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### **4. Systemic Pattern Identified**

FMC Rochester is using:

- Encumbrance
- SHU confinement
- Medical deprivation

as tools of control and retaliation.

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### **5. Oversight Demands**

The Loved Ones Coalition formally requests:

1. Immediate external medical evaluation for the affected individual.
  2. Review of all encumbrance placements since August 2025 for improper use under P.S. 4500.12.
  3. Investigation of Warden and SIS staff for retaliatory administrative and SHU practices.
  4. Mandatory notification to the DOJ Office of Inspector General and Civil Rights Division.
  5. Written explanation for the failure to process BP-11 grievance responses.
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## **LOC Position**

FMC Rochester is engaging in retaliatory control tactics that jeopardize human life and interfere with constitutional and statutory rights.

Immediate external oversight is required.

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## **WESTERN REGION (WXR)**

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## **FCI Sheridan (Oregon) — Medical Neglect, Labor Exploitation, and Mail Interference**

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### **1. Summary of Allegations**

Reports from incarcerated individuals and loved ones indicate serious systemic failures in medical care, labor compensation, internal security, and mail handling.

Documented patterns include:

- Individuals performing biohazard cleanup being paid \$5.80 for ~20 hours of hazardous duty, a 94% underpayment.

- A known ongoing theft issue in the unit being ignored, increasing conflict and violence risk.
- Mail delays exceeding 30 days, raising First Amendment interference concerns.
- A persistent respiratory illness repeatedly dismissed by medical staff with no diagnostics or treatment escalation.
- Medical staff reportedly failing to examine, test, refer, or treat, despite ongoing symptoms.

These conditions together reflect medical neglect, administrative indifference, and potential labor/payroll fraud.

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## 2. Key Violation Table

Issue	Policy / Legal Standard Violated	Notes
Underpayment for hazardous duty labor	P.S. 5251.06; 18 U.S.C. § 201–202 (labor exploitation prohibitions)	Hazardous duty pay must match pay-grade tier. 94% discrepancy suggests fraudulent payroll practice.
Failure to investigate ongoing unit theft	P.S. 3420.12 (Safety & Security)	Creates preventable interpersonal tension and violence risk.
Mail delays > 30 days / withholding mail	P.S. 5800.17 + First Amendment correspondence rights	Interference without cause violates constitutional access.

Persistent respiratory illness  
dismissed / not evaluated

P.S. 6031.04 + Eighth  
Amendment deliberate  
indifference standard

Risk of infectious disease  
spread in shared housing.

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### **3. Direct Testimonies**

**(verbatim, anonymized for protection)**

“This week I turned in a biohazard clean-up list representing 20 hours of work. That should have been \$100. Instead, I got paid \$5.80.”

“I didn’t get a letter from my friend until over a month later.”

“I still have my cough. Medical keeps telling me nothing”

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### **4. Oversight Demands**

The Loved Ones Coalition formally calls for:

1. Audit of UNICOR and institutional payroll disbursement records for hazardous duty workers.
2. Review of mailroom staffing logs, backlog records, and chain-of-custody documentation.
3. Immediate medical reassessment for persistent respiratory illness, including:
  - Chest X-ray
  - Standard blood panels
  - Viral/bacterial respiratory evaluation

4. SIS investigation into the unresolved theft issue and resulting conflict risk.
5. Compliance review of sick call response times and case triage outcomes under P.S. 6031.04.

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## **FCC Victorville (California) — Legal Mail Interference & Retaliatory Housing Practices**

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### **1. Summary of Allegations**

Multiple incarcerated individuals and loved ones report interference with outgoing legal mail, including mail addressed to federal judges in active litigation. Families report the need to monitor and re-route filings to ensure they are not withheld or discarded.

Additionally, a case manager, identified as Mrs. Quezada, allegedly made retaliatory and derogatory remarks while refusing a medically necessary housing move for a vulnerable individual. She reportedly stated that if he were moved, he would be placed with “weenie-whackers & gassers” — language indicating deliberate intent to place him in a known-danger housing environment as punishment.

These actions indicate:

- Interference with protected legal correspondence
- Abuse of discretionary housing authority
- Staff retaliation against medically vulnerable incarcerated individuals
- Possible obstruction of judicial proceedings

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### **2. Key Allegation & Violation Table**

**Allegation**

**Policy / Law Violated**

**Details**

Interference with outgoing legal mail	28 C.F.R. § 540.18; P.S. 5800.17	Legal mail to a federal judge in an active §1983 case was allegedly intercepted or delayed.
Retaliatory / dangerous housing placement	P.S. 5290.14; ACA Standard 4-4214	Staff threatened to move an individual to a unit known for violence as retaliation.
Verbal abuse & degrading staff conduct	P.S. 3420.12 (Standards of Employee Conduct)	Case manager used derogatory language toward a medically vulnerable individual.
Obstruction of legal process	18 U.S.C. § 1505 (Obstruction of Proceedings)	Withholding outgoing legal mail interferes with judicial access and due process.

### 3. Direct Quotes From Inside

**(verbatim, anonymized)**

“They intercepted some legal mail going out.”

“His case manager says she doesn’t see the problem with him being on the top tier and that if they move him he’ll be put with ‘weenie-whackers & gassers.’”

“We are having to monitor his filings on the outside because we cannot trust they will be mailed.”

## **4. Oversight Demands**

The Loved Ones Coalition formally requests:

1. Immediate review of mailroom handling logs and SIS chain-of-custody records for all outgoing legal mail over the past 90 days.
2. Written explanation from the Warden regarding legal mail processing and justification for any withheld items.
3. Removal and investigation of staff involved in retaliatory housing threats, including statements made to the incarcerated population.
4. Full medical and safety reassessment of the vulnerable individual impacted by the housing threat.
5. Referral to DOJ OIG and Civil Rights Division for review of potential obstruction of judicial proceedings and retaliation.

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# **USP Atwater (California) — Temperature & Basic Living Conditions Failure**

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## **1. Summary of Allegations**

Loved ones report freezing indoor temperatures in housing units and cells. Individuals are unable to maintain body warmth even when layering clothing, and there is no indication of temporary heating measures or mitigation efforts by the institution.

This reflects a failure to maintain:

- Minimum living temperature standards
  - Safe and humane environmental conditions
  - Basic health and dignity protections inside custody settings
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## 2. Key Allegation & Violation Table

Allegation	Policy / Statute Violated	Evidence Type	Confidence
Freezing temperatures inside cells and housing units	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2) (Duty to provide safe conditions); PS 1600.11 (Environmental Health)	Loved one testimony consistent across reports	Medium–High

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## 3. Direct Testimony

(verbatim)

“USP Atwater — freezing in the unit and cells.”

This aligns with national patterns observed at:

- USP Pollock
- FCC Hazelton
- FCI Lexington

Where temperature control issues are used as a normalized condition rather than an emergency response priority.

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## 4. Oversight Demands

The Loved Ones Coalition requests:

1. Temperature logs recorded twice daily for all housing units.
  2. Full inspection of heating systems, including diagnostics and repair timeline.
  3. Guaranteed access for incarcerated individuals to:
    - Blankets
    - Winter thermals
    - Adequate clothing layers
  4. Written explanation from the Warden and Regional Facilities Management detailing:
    - Cause of heating failure
    - Expected repair schedule
    - Interim safety accommodations provided
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## **LOC Position**

Failure to maintain safe indoor temperatures is not a comfort issue — it is a basic human safety requirement under federal statute.

USP Atwater must immediately restore safe environmental conditions and provide protective clothing and heating access.

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