

Date: Sat, 15 Nov 1997 13:17:10 -0700  
To: [REDACTED]  
From: "S.I.S.I.S." [REDACTED] org>  
Subject: Re: transgender prisoners at California Medical Facility at Va

Greetings Judy,

Please add my name to the letter.

My only comment is that you use the term "TG" throughout. Some of the concerns raised are applicable to people who were born male but ID as transfemale, people who were born female but ID as transmale, intersexed people, and other TG people; others are specific to TGs on the MTF spectrum only, e.g.

>14) TGs are not allowed to wear make-up or feminine clothing. Many  
>who have developed breasts are not allowed to wear bras.  
>They are strip-searched by male officers.

Might be worth being clear where you're referring to MTFs, and where you're referring to more general discrimination against trans prisoners. FTMs have slightly different issues - e.g. rape as a result of being in general population is not one of them.

Thanks for the good work.

Warm regards,

Joshua Goldberg  
Female-to-male transsexual & prison justice activist

>Subject: transgender prisoners at California Medical Facility at Vacaville

>From: Judy Greenspan, [REDACTED]

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>Dear Friends,

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>We are trying again to put pressure on the Warden at the California  
>Medical Facility to make changes in the care and treatment of  
>transgender prisoners. Specifically, we are attempting to set-up a  
>meeting with the Warden to discuss: access to hormones, guard  
>harassment, medical care and mental health support groups. We are  
>also trying to raise consciousness in the prisoners' rights/support  
>community and among AIDS activists about these critical issues.