

Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition

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Dear Mr. Kim

Thank you for your March 7th reply to our letter. We'll be sure the legislators get your letter to them. You asked if there was any other way you could help. Here is a possibility. Can you send us any letters from Maine DOC that you have, relating to the decision to ship you out, and denying requests to come back home to Maine? Or other letters Maine DOC or the Massachusetts DOC has sent you as an interstate compact prisoner.

These will be important in helping the legislators and Governor LePage and us understand how flimsy the DOC's reasons are for shipping you and about two dozen other Mainer prisoners out, and then keeping you out.

Maine DOC has declared all info about why you and others were shipped out to prisons outside of Maine as "confidential" and won't release anything in your files without your "informed written consent".

Please consider doing this. Below is a template of wording you should have in the letter. But since they may take a while to answer back on that, anything you can mail us that you already have from Maine DOC or the Florida prison you are at, will make a big difference in the hearings about the bill. All documents you send us will be copied and then mailed right back to you, if you wish.

Draft wording for the letter:

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Commissioner Joseph Ponte,
Maine Department of Corrections,
State House Station # 111
Augusta ME 04333

DATE

Dear Commissioner Ponte

I am writing to give my informed written consent for Ron Huber of the Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition (M-PAC) to review and copy any and all documents held by Maine Department of Corrections pertaining to me that I may disclose under state law. This is pursuant to MRSA 4-A § 1216 "Confidentiality of information". I do not want to review the documents being sought by Mr. Huber of MPAC ahead of time.

Sincerely,

Your name

cc: Ron Huber, Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition

Mr. Kim, if you write that letter and send it to me at the WRFR Community Radio address where I work, I will make a copy for MPAC and then hand deliver the original to Commissioner Ponte's office; this might get them moving fast enough for us to get to those files before the Legislature holds its hearings on the bill LD 690.

If you tell them you don't want to review the documents first, it will save us weeks of delay. I promise we will send you a list of all the documents in that file, and a list of everything that we make copies of to show the legislature, the governor and the media. We will also make you copies of anything you want from the list of documents that MDOC has about you.

Do you have phone privileges? If you or a friend or family member can call my radio show in Rockland Maine, any Saturday between 12:30pm and 3:30pm, we can talk about life in exile and about coming back to MSP. The call-in phone # is 207-593-0013

Best wishes

Ron Huber

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