

March 23, 2020

Mr. Jared Kushner
1000 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
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RE: Prisoner Blood Drive

Dear Mr. Kushner,

My name is Johnny Allie and I am an inmate in a Federal Correctional Facility in Forrest City, Arkansas. I am writing to you because I have an idea that might be something that can be utilized or implemented during this COVID-19 crisis.

I have always respected your support of criminal justice reform and because of your proximity to the crisis at hand along with your ongoing focus in the COVID-19 pandemic, I thought you would be the perfect person to discuss my idea, if it hasn't already been deliberated.

As of a week ago, there were no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the federal prison system. Rumors are rampant that there are isolated cases, but we have not gotten information on any confirmed cases. There is a rumor that there is a confirmed case in New York as well as California. The Bureau of Prisons is currently taking an abundance of caution, with good right, in regards to the pandemic and at our facility staff is being screened before they enter the facility. I believe if these precautions are continued, us inmates will be sufficiently safe from the virus.

To this point, there is starting to be a critical shortage of blood in our nation's hospitals. Our isolation makes us good candidates for a safe, healthy blood source. In my college years, I participated in many Red Cross blood drives that utilized a mobile blood processing unit, most often a bus-like vehicle with donation chairs. These mobile blood collection vehicles can be a lifeline to the nation's hospitals in a time when the general public may not be able, or even allowed, to donate blood at a facility that may be overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients. Since many of our prisons have a high population density per square foot, the donation of blood could be efficient and voluminous. Even behind these fences, there are ample space for a bus to park where safety and security of the institution will not be sacrificed.

There are many of us who want to give back to the community. While our time is not up, this is a way we could do so by helping the nation through this crisis. I believe that no matter our circumstances, helping our fellow man should be on the front of our minds during this time. Sure there may be obstacles to tackle, but the benefits may be significantly beneficial to our nation.

Thank you for your consideration. My address where I can be contacted is below.

Kind Regards,



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