

Washtenaw County Commissioners - Mail Template

Dear State Commissioners,

I am writing to request action for Krystal Clark, who is currently incarcerated at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility (WHV). Ms. Clark's condition has quickly deteriorated due to the mold infestation within WHV; she now faces life-threatening symptoms of mold exposure. Her situation has deteriorated to the point that a medical professional outside the prison has warned that she will not survive if she remains at WHV. Court records indicate that Ms. Clark was not charged with the death penalty, and if that is truly the case, then why is she indirectly facing a punishment that she was not charged with? I urge you to recognize this matter as not only an issue of injustice but also one of basic human decency.

We urge you to continue to pass resolutions condemning the conditions and pressure the Attorney General. We also demand that all files related to Krystal Clark are released via the FOIA, and vote for the situation in the facility to be deemed a public health crisis. It is imperative this is resolved quickly because despite the overwhelming deterioration of Ms. Clark's physical health, WHV healthcare staff, including Dr. Ellison, have refused to treat her symptoms and instead referred her to mental health services, insinuating that her condition is psychological rather than physical. She has been denied access to outside specialists who could provide life-saving care. When attempting to advocate for herself at the Warden's Forum, Ms. Clark was told to "shut up" & sit down because "there is no mold in this facility". Then, in what was clearly an attempt at retaliation, the Warden's Assistant, Mr. Horton, ordered her to stay in a room at the Control Center for four and a half hours which resulted in her missing the opportunity to talk to her attorney, David Steingold. Not only that, but Inspector Chapman took away her phone calls to her imprisoned brother, which had been allowed for years. She was restricted from these calls for twenty-one days. Alongside these inherent attempts at retaliation, Ms. Clark's mail and JPay take weeks to come in. It is as clear as day that remaining at WHV is both a threat to Ms. Clark's livelihood and rights as an American Citizen.

Unfortunately, it is not only the warden, staff, and unhealthy conditions that have been putting Ms. Clark's life at risk, but also her lack of access to good medical care. Medical care outside the MDOC is approved, but Ms. Clark must pay for the transportation as well as two corrections officers to transport her to and from the medical facility, which is unacceptable. Prison conditions should be up to standards to ensure that Krystal Clark wouldn't be in this position in the first place. Making sure this system of punishment is humane and efficient is the job of the government, and we ask you to organize a plan to ensure those conditions are true.

I urge you to do anything in your power to give her the opportunity to receive the medical care she desperately needs with your power. Her continued incarceration under these conditions is not only

unjust but inhumane. Please act in accordance with our requests, and continue to represent your constituents, and demand Krystal Clark and others get proper medical care as demanded by law, and strongly advocate for the clear, necessary medical clemency. Thank you for your time and consideration of this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

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