April 3, 2020

Dear MT. Tam and PUP staff,

First and foremost, I hope all is well with you all. There are no words to show my gratitude and appreciation for the care package you sent to all the residents at San Quentin. For me, personally, apart from the goodies, I felt encouraged and confident to know that there is a people who care for us. Here at San Quentin, I have witnessed how staff, teachers, coordinators, donors, and volunteers have always shown humanity for all of us behind bars.

I know things are tough right now and people are worried about us; praise be to God most of us are doing well. Obviously, there is some concern because if the COVID-19 hits this place, we are doomed. Also, I want you to know that we are worried about you. PLEASE STAY HEALTHY!

I truly believe that this pandemic has shed light on what is like to be confined. Two months of lockdown has affected people to a state of insanity. Now imagine what is like for a person who spends years at a time in solitary confinement as well as people spending, one, two, three, and even four decades behind bars without having any choice but to bear and comply with it. One thing for sure is that when this crazy time is over, it will leave a big experience of how people came together in the fight of this pandemic.

Once again, thank you for your generosity. We see you soon!

Sincerely,

Felipimosa

It's OK to share my letter.