Hello Out there,

My name is Jesse Johnson III and on behalf of the inmates of San Quentin State Prison I would like to say thanks for all the care and concern for our well being especially during this time of extreme crisis. Like many others I too have lost a family member to the Covid-19 virus. My heart goes out to mine and other families and communities throughout the state of California, across the U.S.A, and around the globe that have been affected by the pandemic.

For the previous 100 plus days I have been here in the prison stuck in this area called reception where we have been on 24 hour a day lockdown. We are without television and radio making it next to impossible to get news from the outside world, local, national or otherwise. This is an extremely stressful time/situation. I am in prison for the first and last time at the age of 43. And I like my young daughter have been struggling with a condition called bipolar depression our whole lives. My wife and kids miss me and are worried sick.

I also suffer from chronic epilepsy caused by permanent damage sustained to the left frontal lobe of my brain. So this is all very challenging. I have only months left on my sentence but I truly become more worried as the days go by. I would like to again thank The Prison University Project for sending us those thoughtful packages of useful items along with the very informative packet of news and information. Last but not least I'd like to thank the new warden, Ron Broomfield, for lending his support to thier efforts.

It's ok to put this letter on your site or where ever you see fit.