Dear Jody,

Thank you for your thoughtful kindness. I know that there are students here, at San Quentin, that participate in your college project, my cellmate included, but I do not. This makes your gift all the more special.

The information which you provided us concerning COVID-19 is invaluable and much appreciated, and the quality of your gesture, warms my heart and puts a smile on my soul.

Personally, I will never forget what you did to reach out to us all. It is an act kindness that has forever changed who I am, and will always look for a way to pay it forward.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Mendez

P.S. You have my permission to share this letter.