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Jody Lewen,  

Good Morning! It's early hours as I start my day but I wanted to jot a few lines to express my greatfulness for the "care package" that you, Warden Broomfield and the Prison University Project so generously blessed me with.  

I am a condemned inmate housed in the North Seg. honor
unit (consisting of 68 men) and as the "Care packages" were distributed to each individual there was a collective sense of surprise/confusion, which was replaced by a sense of gratitude & joy as they (and myself) read your enclosed letter... Thank you!

I have been at San Quentin since 1997 and this is the first time many of us have ever heard of the Prison.
University Project. If you could, I'd like to know more about your mission statement and how you are reaching out to inmates here at S.Q. Many of the men around me want to better themselves through education, arts, and reading but don't know of outlets to assist them in beginning the process. I personally had...
to forego receiving food packages, in exchange for college textbooks & workbooks for years, to earn a college degree. As I am sure you know, college textbooks are expensive and only have a "shelf-life" of a few years! Fortunately, my books were able to help 3 others take classes towards their degrees before becoming outdated editions. - One way
People could be of help to incarcerated individuals and society as a whole, is assist with college textbooks and/or educational e-reader course work, from participating college/universities, working with incarcerated individuals....

This is currently the largest barrier, to men here at S.Q., in achieving educational success. -

I am willing to discuss
this, with anyone interested, in further detail in the hopes of finding solutions...

Again, thank you for the kindness expressed through the "care package" and we hope you all stay safe and healthy at the Prison University Project!

Respectfully,

Jeffery

P.S. Yes, it's OK to share this letter with your community.