



SOLID BLACK FIST

Across the wires! Freedom Fighters' news!

Issue 5

The 13th Amendment to the Constitution declared that "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

Letter from the Editor

Brothers and Sisters,

This has already been a success in many ways, 11 states have already sent in confirmation of action across the country. In addition to this international support has been phenomenal with already three overseas actions having taken place in solidarity in Canada, Greece and Palestine. The national narrative towards prisoners' rights has drastically changed in support of prisoners taking the lead in criminal justice reform. Texas has already responded by slashing their telephone costs by more than 35% Prisoners' leadership along with public pressure are creating results in different regions around the county

Unity matters, if there is some action happening in your community you have been given the privilege to make the choice to unify. George Jackson's most powerful (and threatening) message was the willingness to work together across racial, political and social barriers knowing that we are unified in this collective action. Knowing that international groups have taken on the call and stood strong on our platform gives us in the states no excuse to unify under umbrella of the 10 demands listed that were specifically crafted for us. To date over 350 organizations worldwide have signed on in support, the world is watching and waiting for your lead.

In solidarity,
Amani Sawari (@SawariMi)
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Jailhouse Lawyers Speak

These are the NATIONAL DEMANDS of the men and women in federal, immigration and state prisons:

1. Immediate improvements to the conditions of prisons and prison policies that recognize the humanity of imprisoned men and women.
 2. An immediate end to prison slavery. All persons imprisoned in any place of detention under United States jurisdiction must be paid the prevailing wage in their state or territory for their labor.
 3. Rescission of the Prison Litigation Reform Act, allowing imprisoned humans a proper channel to address grievances and violations of their rights.
 4. Rescission of the Truth in Sentencing Act and the Sentencing Reform Act so that imprisoned humans have a possibility of rehabilitation and parole. No human shall be sentenced to death by incarceration or serve any sentence without the possibility of parole.
 5. An immediate end to the racial overcharging, over-sentencing and parole denials of Black and brown humans. Black humans shall no longer be denied parole because the victim of the crime was white, which is a particular problem in Southern states.
 6. An immediate end to racist gang enhancement laws targeting Black and Brown humans.
 7. No denial of access to rehabilitation programs for imprisoned humans at their place of detention because of their label as a violent offender.
 8. State prisons must be funded specifically to offer more rehabilitation services.
 9. Reinstatement of Pell grant eligibility to prisoners in all US states and territories.
 10. Recognition of voting rights for all confined citizens serving prison sentences, pretrial detainees and so-called “ex-felons.” Their votes must be counted. Representation is demanded. All voices count!
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We all agree to spread this strike throughout the prisons of Amerikkka! From Aug. 21 to Sept. 9, 2018, men and women in prisons across the nation will strike in the following manner:

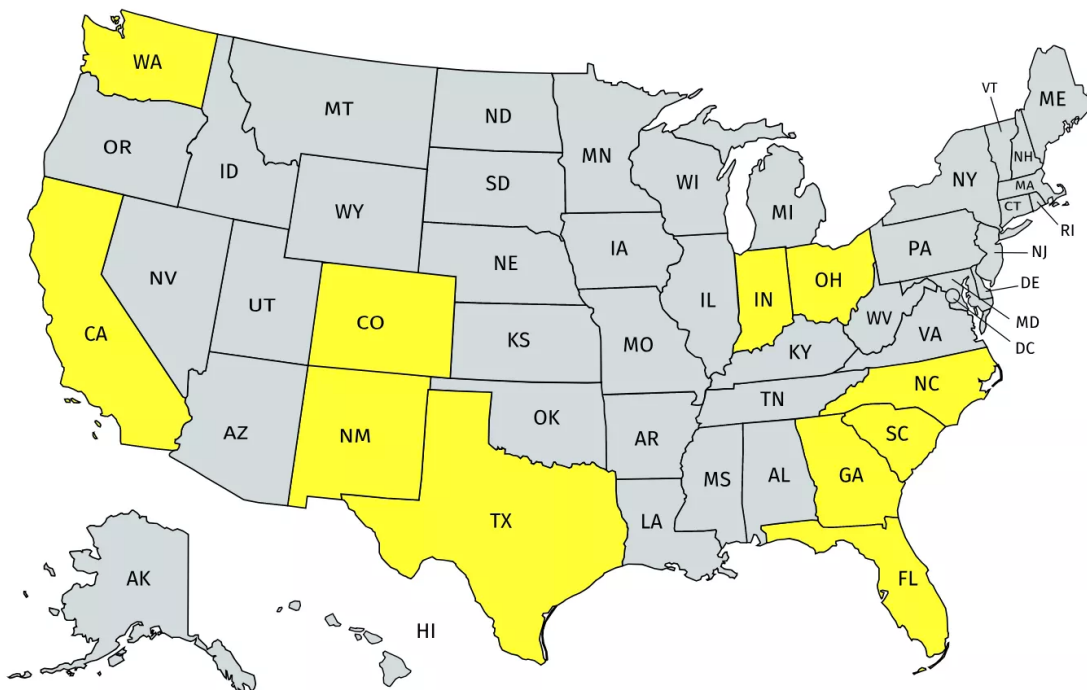
1. Work Strikes: Prisoners will not report to assigned jobs. Each place of detention will determine how long its strike will last. Some of these strikes may translate into a local list of demands designed to improve conditions and reduce harm within the prison.
 2. Sit-ins: In certain prisons, men and women will engage in peaceful sit-in protests.
 3. Boycotts: All spending should be halted. We ask those outside the walls not to make financial judgments for those inside. Men and women on the inside will inform you if they are participating in this boycott. We support the call of the Free Alabama Movement Campaign to “Redistribute the Pain” 2018, as Bennu Hannibal Ra-Sun, formerly known as Melvin Ray, has laid out – with the exception of refusing visitation. See these principles described here: <https://redistributethepain.wordpress.com/>.
 4. Hunger Strikes: Men and women shall refuse to eat.
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How you can help:

- Make the nation take a look at our demands. Demand action on our demands by contacting your local, state and federal political representatives with these demands. Ask them where they stand.
 - Spread the strike and word of the strike in every place of detention.
 - Contact a supporting local organization to see how you can be supportive. If you are unsure of who to connect with, email millionsforprisonersmarch@gmail.com.
 - Be prepared by making contact with people in prison, family members of prisoners and prisoner support organizations in your state to assist in notifying the public and media on strike conditions.
 - Assist in our announced initiatives to have the votes of people in jail and prison counted in elections.
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Reports Back from the First Week

by Amani Sawari August 28, 2018 | sawarimi.org



Many people are aware of the prison strike that began August 21 on the 47th anniversary of George Jackson's assassination in 1971. Some of those following the strike are confused by the conflicting messages that are being sent out by states' departments of corrections. It's clear that prison officials are doing all that they can to suppress strike actions and prisoners' organizing. However prisoners are rising up in institutions across the country, and now internationally, in protest of the living and working conditions in the prisons. They also call out for the rescinding of legal barriers and policies that keep inmates in a state of oppression and instability. They are demanding to have ownership over transforming the circumstances that contribute to the violent environments they forced to live in. While at least 17 states have pledged to participate in the strike prior to its beginning, it is expected that more are also involved. Below I've included an explanation behind prisoners actions and a list of the confirmed strike activity that have already been recorded, more are expected to be confirmed in the coming days.

Prison Strikes are Not Riots

It's important to realize that prisoners striking is **not** the equivalent to a riot. A riot is "a violent disturbance of the peace". I'd like to point out two aspects of a riot that are not applicable to prison strikes. First, none of the actions that prisoners are taking against the prison industrial complex through their striking: whether that be through work stoppages, sit-ins, boycotts or hunger strikes; are violent actions. Jailhouse lawyers specifically chose actions that were peaceful and rely on the prisoner to make an individual decision on their participation in the strike. The second point that I'd like to mention arguing that prison strikes are not riots is that there is nothing peaceful about a prison. There is no way to disturb something that is non-existent. So due to the fact that a riot is a *violent* disturbance of the *peace*, criminal justice false accusations of prisoners' being threatening due to their inciting riot activity is completely false and inapplicable to our incarcerated organizing leaders.

Prisons are inherently violent in nature, therefore prisoners are serving their communities within the prison as well as their regions and their nation by making the choice to point out the nature of prisons as being oppressive centers of abuse and violence. These brave prisoners are serving every single person who suffers from the mass industrial complex as an inmate or the loved one of an inmate. They are serving the future generations of people who will not have to live within these violent and abusive conditions because of their taking the risk to stand up against them today with concrete [demands](#). It is our responsibility to support them.



Confirmed Actions Thus Far

This first week of the strike has just come to an end and we have seen a substantial wave of success. The mainstream media attention on the strike has been monumentally greater than we have ever seen in the past. Along with this, the public narrative towards prisoners has changed dramatically from their being viewed as ‘violent animals that need to be put in their place’ to ‘individuals seeking enriching living conditions who are in need of support for their environments to become truly rehabilitative’. The public eye is focused on securing and protecting prisoners rights. We are also committed to highlighting the injustices that are inherent to our criminal justice system. Below I’ve included updates with details from today’s press release:

Washington – Representatives of over 200 immigrant detainees at Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, Washington declared a hunger strike on day one of the national prison strike. Amid fears of retaliation, 70 across three blocks participated. As of this time, seven continue to refuse food into a second week.

Georgia – Prisoners in Georgia State Prison “Reidsville” have reported a strike according to Jailhouse Lawyers Speak.

South Carolina – Jailhouse Lawyers Speak is reporting that prisoners in the following facilities are on strike: Broad River Correctional Institution, Lee Correctional Institution, McCormick Correctional Institution, Turbeville Correctional Institute, Kershaw Correctional Institution, and Lieber Correctional Institution. The actions in these facilities include widespread workstrikes, with only a few prisoners reporting to their jobs, and commissary boycotts. McCormick prisoners have been subjected to strip searches everyday since August 21.

North Carolina – Prisoners at Hyde Correctional Institution in Swanquarter, NC demonstrated in solidarity with the strike. There have been unconfirmed reports of strikes at other institutions across the state.

California – at New Folsom Prison a hunger strike started by Heriberto Garcia on August 21 has grown to Lancaster State Prison outside LA: William E. Brown, Jr. and his group are also striking.

Ohio – At least two prisoners at Toledo Correctional Institution began a hunger strike on August 21. David Easley and James Ward were moved into isolation for participating and authorities have cut off their means of communication to outside contacts.

Colorado – starting around August 7, ten prisoners at Sterling Correctional Facility announced a hunger strike against a two week long 24 hour a day lockdown of 38 administrative segregation prisoners.

Indiana – prisoners in the segregation unit at Wabash Valley Correctional Institution initiated a hunger strike on Monday August 27 demanding adequate food and an end to cold temperatures in the unit.

New Mexico – On August 9, prisoners at Lea County Correctional Facility in Hobbs, NM organized a work stoppage against conditions at the prison, operated by private corporation GEO Group. Tensions at the prison reached a tipping point prior to the date of the strike and prisoners could not wait before initiating their protest. All facilities in New Mexico were placed on lockdown status on the morning of August 20. This statewide lockdown has since been lifted except for Lea County C.F..

Florida – Jailhouse Lawyers Speak asserts that five Florida facilities are seeing strike activity: Charlotte CI reports 40 refusing work, and 100 boycotting commissary. Prisoners at Dade Correctional say 30-40 on strike, Franklin Correctional report 30-60, Holmes Correctional reports 70, Appalachee Correctional report an unknown number.

Nova Scotia, Canada – at Burnside County Jail in Halifax prisoners went on strike and issued a protest statement in solidarity with the strike and naming local demands. They went through a lockdown and extensive negotiations with authorities, those who refused to cooperate with humiliating body scans were punished by being locked in a dry cell (no water or working toilets) for three days.

Texas - IWOC was forwarded a message dated 8/23 from inside administrative segregation, (solitary) of Stiles Unit, Beaumont TX confirming that 2 prisoners are on hunger strike in solidarity with the national action: “I feel great. But very hungry! And not because I don’t have food but because of our 48 hours solidarity with our brothers and sisters. It’s the only way we can show support from inside of Seg. Let everyone know we got their backs.” - IWOC has confirmed that Robert Uvalle is on hunger strike in solitary at Michael Unit, Anderson County, TX in solidarity with the nationwide strike. Robert has been in solitary for most of his 25 years inside.

Prison authorities have begun responding to the strike in media interviews denying that anything unusual is occurring in their facilities. Inside organizers predicted this would happen and urge continued skepticism and

investigation. Organizers with Jailhouse Lawyer's Speak [struggle to rebut](#) these claims because of the need to protect themselves from targeted reprisals.

Before the strike started, prisoner leaders in Ohio, Florida and Texas were [targeted and isolated](#). The state's attempts to pre-empt or deter strike action in some facilities included [humiliating and demoralizing rituals](#).

In previous years, prisoners who openly spoke to media suffered greatly for it. For example, Melvin Ray, Dhati Khalid and Kinetik Justice of the Free Alabama Movement were transferred to isolation in 2014 after publicly [announcing a work stoppage](#). Then in 2016, while still in isolation from that incident, they continued to openly advocate the [September 9 national strike](#). Kinetik Justice was sent to [notoriously dangerous Kilby and Limestone prisons](#) where he believed authorities intended to kill him, but [continued to protest](#) and draw attention, protecting himself from further harm.

The efforts by authorities to disrupt communication between prisoner organizers and outside support also interfere with and impede communication between prisons by inside organizers. Before the strike started Jailhouse Lawyers Speak heard commitments to the strike and its demands from prisoners in 17 states. Prison authorities may prove successful in concealing or even deterring participation in some of those states, but they cannot refute the righteousness of the 10 prisoner demands.

Follow Strike Organizers

Due to the fact that prison officials are blatantly lying about strike activity we are responsible for tracking our own success. While doing this it is critical that we continue to press prison staff and corrections officials about what's going on in corrections institutions. We have the right to know what prison what the conditions are that prisoners are facing on the inside. For every prisoner or group of prisoners that are facing retaliation we must support them by being aggressive in our response to the retaliation be sure to follow the following outside organizers to stay abreast of what's going on in ways that you can support from the

outside: [@JailLawSpeak](#), [@SlaveryPrison](#), [@SawariMi](#), [@jaybeware](#) and [@IWW IWOC](#)

While the facility staff have been denying strike evidence thus far those organizers listed above are recording and documenting reports of strike activity. If you are a friend, family member or otherwise supporter of someone on the inside with information about strike activity associated with the National Prison Strike you can report it using the following methods:

Email – prisonstrikemedia@gmail.com with the subject [Prison Strike Watch, "Name of Institution" in "Location"]

Twitter – follow and post details also tagging the accounts listed above while using the hashtag #PrisonStrike

Facebook – follow and inbox [Jailhouse Lawyers Speak](#) @BlkJailhouselawyer

All submitted reports will receive a follow-up for confirmation prior to being recorded as official strike actions.

The work is not nearly done yet. It's just beginning as the light has been shinned into the dark spaces in our prisons, jails and detention centers illuminating the messes that exist there; now it is time for us to continue this work by being proactive in cleaning up the messes that we find with the use of our own individual expertise, sharing our experiences, leaning into our passions and collaborating with each other as we each relate to the work in deconstructing the prison industrial complex and ending mass incarceration.



Des Moines, IA



Seattle, WA



Houston, TX

Upcoming Outside Events:

- **September 1** – Activist workshop- present concept of phone zaps & their impact, and current actions @ San Jose Peace and Justice Center 11:00a hosted by Prisoners Human Rights Coalition CA
- **September 1** – Solidarity [Letter Writing](#) @ The Big Idea Bookstore in Pittsburgh, PA 1:00p
- **September 2** – Prison Solidarity [Vigil](#) in Houston, TX @ 4:00p – 6:00p hosted by Houston DSA
- **September 6** – Sit in @ Office of the UW President, UW Seattle, WA
- **September 6** – Movie Night of “13th” by Ava Duvernay, with discussion @ San Jose Peace and Justice Center 7:00p – 9:00p hosted by Prisoners Human Rights Coalition CA
- **September 7** – [Protest Poetry Open Mic](#) @ New Youth Jail Construction Site; 5:00p – 8:00p Seattle, WA hosted by Seattle IWW Black & Pink and SawariMi
- **September 8** - SC Prison Reform & Sentencing [Rally](#) in Columbia, SC @ 1:30p -4:00p
- **September 9** – Community Gathering/Alliance in support of strikers- food, speakers, tabling, open mic @ Backesto Park, downtown San Jose, CA 11:00p – 2:00p hosted by Prisoners Human Rights Coalition CA
- **September 9** – [Wrap Up Letter Writing Night](#) @ Pipsqueak; 3:00p – 5:00p Seattle, WA hosted by Seattle IWW Black & Pink and SawariMi



Columbus, SC

Endorsements, Organizations in Solidarity

#CLOSEmsdf	WI
#DeeperThanWater Coalition	Massachusetts
2 Woke Gurls Podcast	Texas
82 Tabs	Washington
A Journal of Insurgent Politics	US, Canada, Europe
AAD	Texas
ABO Comix	California
abolisha	Germany
Abolition: Journal of Insurgent Politics	National
Abram Blu	NY
AF3IRM	USA
Aging People in Prison Human Rights Campaign	National
ALL OF US OR NONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS	Illinois – Peoria
American Homeless Society	Nationwide
Anarchist Black Cross Federation	International
Animal Liberation Prisoner Support Toronto	Toronto
Anthony Rella PLLC	Washington
Anti Police-Terror Project	California
Anti-Eviction Mapping Project	CALIFORNIA
Antigravity Magazine	New Orleans, LA
Arizona Palestine Solidarity Alliance	Arizona
ASA Critical Prison Studies Caucus	North America
Asheville Prison Books	North Carolina
Ashlee Reyes	Los Angeles
Asians4BlackLives Portland	Oregon
Atlanta Anarchist Black Cross	Georgia- Atlanta
Autonomous Actions Against Prisons	Washington
Bay Area National Prison Strike Solidarity Committee	California – Oakland
Better Eating International	Washington DC
Black and Pink Milwaukee	Wisconsin
Black and Pink Seattle-Tacoma	Seattle, WA
Black Queer & Intersectional Columbus (BQIC)	Ohio
Black Rose/Rosa Negra Anarchist Federation	National
Black Socialists of America	National
BLMChicago	Illinois – Chicago
Bloc the Juvi	Washington – Seattle
Blue Ridge Anarchist Black Cross	North Carolina – Asheville
Boatwright Transportation, LLC	Michigan
Boise DSA	Boise, Idaho
Book 'Em	Pittsburgh, PA
BQIC — Black Queer & Intersectional Columbus	
Brattleboro Solidarity	Brattleboro, VT
Break the Chain	Virginia
Breakaway Social Center	Chicago, IL
Breaking Barriers Mentoring Inc.	Madison, WI
Bristol County for Correctional Justice	Dartmouth, MA
BYP100	Washington, DC
California Prison Focus	California – Oakland
Center for a Stateless Society	international
Central Iowa DSA	Iowa
Central Ohio IWOC	Ohio
Certain Days: Freedom for Political Prisoners calendar	North America
CIS	IL
Charleston DSA	South Carolina – Charleston
Chattanooga Democratic Socialists of America	Tennessee
Chiamaka Nwadike	Los Angeles California
Chicago Animal Save	Illinois
Chicago Community Bond Fund	Illinois
Chinese Progressive Association	California
Christians for Socialism	Illinois
Christians for Socialism	Ontario/Michigan
cin6SPEAK	Philadelphia, PA
Civic Media Center	Florida – Gainesville
Clark	Illinois
Columbus DSA	Columbus, OH
CONFEDERACION GENERAL DEL TRABAJO	SPAIN
Connecticut Prison Book Connection	Connecticut
Corrections Accountability Project at the Urban Justice Center	NY
Council of Africana Scholars	NJ
DACC	Massachusetts
DC IWOC	Washington, DC
degrowUS	Illinois
Democratic Socialists of America	Indiana
Democratic Socialists of America – Los Angeles	California
Democratic Socialists of America – Orange County	California
Democratic Socialists of America North New Jersey	New Jersey
Democratic Socialists of America San Francisco	California – San Francisco
Denver GMB of the IWW	Colorado
Denver Green Party	Denver, CO
Denver IWOC	Colorado – Denver
Direct Action Coordinating Committee – Amhearst College	Massachusetts
Dirty Hands Collective	Durango, CO
Divest Gainesville	Florida
Divest UF	Florida
DSA – Peninsula	San Mateo County, California
DSA Boston	Massachusetts – Boston
DSA Central Brooklyn Chapter	New York- Brooklyn
DSA Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky	Cincinnati, OH
DSA National Climate & Environmental Justice Working Group	Massachusetts
DSA Refoundation Caucus	United States
DSA SF	San Francisco, CA
Earth First! Journal	Lake Worth, Florida
Earthseed Seattle	Washington
East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy	CA

East Bay Prisoner Support	Oakland, CA
Emily Dezurick-Badran	San Francisco, CA
Employee Rights Center	CA
Enough Is Enough	New York – Rochester
Fearless Beauty	New York
Fem Newsmagazine	California
Fierce Allies	California
Food Empowerment Project	California
For the People – STL	Saint Louis, Missouri
Fossil Free AU	Washington, DC
francesca gullo	New York
FREE63P	Montana
FREE THE LAMB MINISTRIES INC	Florida
FreeAnons Society	Florida
Freie Arbeiterinnen – und Arbeiter- Union (FAU-ICL)	Germany
Friendly Fire Collective	Philidelphia
Gainesville IWOC	Florida – Gainesville
Gainesville Redneck Revolt	FL
Game Workers Unite International	International
George Jackson University	Natioanl
Germany's Incarcerated Workers' Union (GG/BO)	Germany
Ghost Town Prisoner Support	California – Oakland
Give UsFree	South Carolina
Goselin4AG	Hartford, Connecticut
Graduate Employees' Organization, IFT/AFT Local 6300	Champaign-Urbana, Illinois
Grand Rapid Response to ICE	Michigan – Grand Rapids
Grand Rapids Democratic Socialists of America	Michigan
Greater Long Beach Interfaith Community Organization	Ca
Green Party of Allegheny County	PA
Green Party of Connecticut	Connecticut
Green Party of Monmouth County	Monmouth County NJ
Guerilla Mainframe	Texas
GW Feminist Student Union	Washington, DC
Hampton Institute	New York
Harrisburg DSA	PA
Harvard Law School National Lawyers Guild	Masachusetts – Cambridge
Homies Unidos Inc	California
Houston DSA EcoSocialists	Texas- Houston
HU Resist	Washington, DC
iamWE Prisoner Advocacy Network	National organization w/ branches in several states
Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (IWOC)	National
Indivisible East Bay	East Bay – CA
Indivisible Midlands	South Carolina
Indivisible SF	California – San Francisco
Industrial Workers of the World	North America
International Action Center	New York City, NY
International Confederation of Labor-ICL/Confederación Internacional del Trabajo-CIT	International
International Forum	Denmark
International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee	Oklahoma
Internationalist Students' Front at George Washington University	Washington, DC
IWW General Defense Committee	North America wide
IWW Leipzig	Germany
IWW- LAGMB	California
Jacob Breck	MD
Jennifer R.	CA
Jeremy Strange	Utah
Jewish Voice for Peace GWU	Wasington, DC
Jimmie johnson	Mississippi
Justice First	Washington, DC
Justice For All	Vermont
Justice for Palestinians	San Jose, CA
Kansas City IWOC	MO
Karen mitchell	Colorado
KC Heart of America Green Party	Missouri
Kent State YDSA	OH
Knoxville Radical Library	Tennessee
Leaders Igniting Transformation	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Liberated Lens Film Collective	California
Liberation Through Reading	Maryland
Libertarian Socialist Caucus of the Democratic Socialists of America	National
Libertarian Socialist Caucus, Metro DC Democratic Socialists of America	Washington, DC
MA DSA Worcester	Worcester, MA
Madeleine Leveille- Green Party Candidate 35th district of Connecticut	Clinton, CT
Madison Socialist Alternative	Ohio – Cincinnati
Malcolm X Center	South Carolina
Memoria Anarquista	International
Metropolitan Anarchist Coordinating Council (MACC)	New York – NYC
Michael Cohen	NY
Michigan Abolition and Prisoner Solidarity (MAPS)	Michigan
Mid-Missouri John Brown Gun Club	Columbia, Missouri
Middle Tennessee Democratic Socialists of America	Tennessee
Mijente	National
Millennials Are Killing Capitalism	North Carolina/Philidelphia
Millions for Prisoners Human Rights Coalition	National
Millions for Prisoners NM Chapter	New Mexico
Milwaukee DSA	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Milwaukee IWOC	Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Mom Radio	Georgia/New York
Montgomery County Democratic Socialists of America	Maryland
Mothers Against Police Brutality	TX
Movement for People's Democracy	New York
Mundo Obrero / Workers World Party	Pennsylvania/National
National Afrosocialists & Socialists of Colour Caucus (AFROSOC) of DSA	New York
National Black Food and Justice Alliance	National
National Brown Berets	California – Los Angeles
National Lawyers Guild	National
Nebraska Left Coalition	Nebraska
New Abolitionists Radio	North Carolina
New York City Jericho Movement	New York – Bronx

North Carolina Green Party	North Carolina
NYC Shut It Down	New York
NYC-DSA	New York City
OCDSA Executive Committee	California
Omaha DSA	Omaha, Nebraska
On The Count Radio	NY
Operation Outreach OGI	TX
Ounce Strategy	California
Ozivefueshe Dimowo	Tennessee
Party for Socialism and Liberation	NY/National
Peace and Freedom Party	California
People and Power Assembly (PPA) Queens	New York – NYC
People Uprooting Prison Society	Vermont
Peoples Power Assemblies	National
Permaculture Action Network	continental organization of BioRegional Crews
Pitt Prison Outreach	PA
Pittsburgh Industrial Workers of the World	Pittsburgh, PA
Popular Resistance	Washington, DC
Princeton Graduate Students United	New Jersey
Prison Abolition Collective	MA
Prison Abolitionists of Nassau Inciting Change (PANIC)	National
Prison Action Milwaukee, Inc. (PAM)	Wisconsin
Prison Book Program	Massachusetts
Prison Reform Movement	National
Prisoner Advocacy Network	Berkeley, CA
Prisoner Correspondence Project	Montreal QC Canada
Protect Our Stolen Treasures	South Carolina
Queer and Trans People of Color Agency	TX
Queer Palestinian Empowerment Network (QPEN)	Internatoinal
Queer Radicals	Washington, DC
Queer Socialists Working Group	National
Quiet Corner Democratic Socialists of America	Connecticut
Quixote Center	Maryland
Radio Radical Boricua	Puerto Rico
Rainier Valley Food Bank	Washington
ReEntry412	PA
Rehumanize International	PA
Rethink	Louisiana
Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement	New York – NYC
Rhode Island Socialists	Rhode Island, USA
Richmond IWW	Richmond, Virgina
Rid Racism Milwaukee	Milwaukee, WI
Rutgers Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Student Organization	New Jersey
Samidoun: Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network	South Carolina
San Diego Central Committee of the Peace and Freedom Party of California	California – San Diego
San Francisco Bay View	California – San Francisco
Seattle DSA	Seattle, WA
Seattle Industrial Workers of the World	Washington – Seattle
Seattle Solidarity Network (SeaSol)	Seattle, WA
SFV 2nd Chance Scholarship Foundation	CA
Showing Up for Racial Justice	California – Santa Barbra
Silicon Valley chapter of Democratic Socialists of America	Silicon Valley
Smart Start	South Carolina
Snohomish IWW (of the Whatcom-Skagit GMB)	Washington
Socialist Organization of North Georgia	Georgia
Socialist Rifle Association	National organization w/ branches in several states
Solidarity & Defense	Michigan
Southern Maine DSA	Maine
Stand For Our Families (SCDC)	South Carolina
Stand.Earth	California
Steel City John Brown Gun Club	Pennsylvania – Pittsburgh
stephanie bernal	California
Stinney Distro	
Stop Police Terror Project DC	Washington, DC
Students Against Mass Incarceration at the University of California, San Diego	San Diego, CA
Students for a National Health Program	national
Students for Justice in Palestine at the University of South Carolina	South Carolina
Students for Prison Education and Reform (SPEAR) – Princeton	New Jersey
Support Marius Mason	Michigan
SURJ Bay Area	CA
Susanne Welch	New York
SustainUS	Michigan
Teachers for Social Justice	IL
Tennessee Prison Books Project	Nashville, TN
The American Party of Labor	National
The Church of the Latter-Day Dude	Georgia
The Decolonization Project	California
The Forge Newspaper	Knoxville, Tennessee
The Incarcerated Nation	The incarcerated nation corp
The Kite Newsletter	Washington
The New Afrikan Black Panther Party-Prison Chapter	Texas
The People's Consortium	Georgia
True Leap Publishing Collective	Illionois
TwoJoe	California
UAW	CA
UAW Local 4121	WA
UNITE HERE Local 2	San Fransico, California
United Panther Movement	Texas
University of Colorado at Boulder Young Democratic Socialists of America (CU YDSA)	Colorado
Utah Against Police brutality	Utah
UVa students united	Virginia – Charlottesville
Valley Justice Coalition	Virginia
Vegans for Peace UNC-CH	North Carolina
Voices in Movement	Mexico City, Mexico
Wallowa Co. United....	Oregon
War Resisters League	New York – NYC
Well on Wheels	Connecticut
Western NY Peace Center/Prison Task Force	Buffalo, NY
WISDOM	Wisconsin

Woodstock Farm Sanctuary	NY
Women Who Never Give Up, Inc	New Jersey
Workers World Party	National
Workers' Solidarity Alliance	National
YDSA at Ohio State University	OH
Young Democratic Socialists of America @ Virginia Commonwealth University	Virginia
Young Democratic Socialists of America at the George Washington University (YDSA GW)	Washington, DC
Young Democratic Socialists of Princeton	New Jersey

The most up to date list of endorsements can be found online at <http://sawarimi.org/groups-organizations-in-solidarity>

Additional Organizations can register and provide their endorsement online at <http://sawarimi.org/national-prison-strike>

Messages from Endorsers:

“With every ounce of love and rage, we stand in firm solidarity with all our comrades behind enemy lines who dare to resist and stand up to their oppressors.” - Austin Anarchist Black Cross

“We are in solidarity with all who participate, endorse and support the National Prison Strike.” - Prison Watch Network & Arizona Prisonwatch

“TWWLI stands for humanitarian beliefs and actions. Whether it is on the streets, in schools, places of business, religious institutions or prisons we believe in the rights of people to be treated humanely. We agree with the demands set forth and hope they are implemented.” - Together We Will Long Island

“PEACE, JUSTICE AND HARMONY AND UNITY OF MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT FOR ALL LIVING BEINGS! NO ONE IS FREE UNLESS ALL ARE FREE!” - YOGA FOR PEACE, JUSTICE, AND HARMONY WITH THE PLANET!

“Prisoners across the country are facing solitary confinement, beatings, unlivable conditions, and other punishments for speaking about the strike from prison. It is SURJ’s duty to amplify organizers’ voices from the outside and to ensure that their efforts are not in vain. The National Prison Strike Demands and Action Items” - SURJ Southern Maine/Seacoast

“We stand in solidarity with all those on strike, for the bravery and sacrifice this takes. This police state will attempt to take away this fire but you all will prevail with the undying support of us on the outside. Si se puede!” - M.e.Ch.a de SDCC

“Thank you for having the courage and the strength to organize and speak out against the horrible injustices you endure. We support you and are telling others about your situation, your work, and your goals.” - Illinois Coalition Against Torture

“We support the prison strike. The fishing and farming industries use the labor of incarcerated people, including those in immigrant detention facilities. We are committed to consistent anti-oppression, which means fighting for justice for all humans and nonhuman animals.” - Let Fish Live

Submission Info: In addition to publishing content raising awareness about the strike and providing updates on related demonstration and its progress, the Solid Black Fist Newsletter also accepts work from prisoners in the form of articles, art and poetry as well as the contribution of stamps. This demonstration and its campaigns are about you and our most meaningful contributions come from the inside. For those who contribute 20 stamps or more a custom poster will be mailed at the end of September. For readers interested in submitting their work: typed and printed can be sent to the return address or emailed to prisonstrikemedia@gmail.com; carbon copy: amanisawari@gmail.com
Official Site: <http://sawarimi.org/national-prison-strike>
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Basic Principles for the Treatment of Prisoners

1. All prisoners shall be treated with the respect due to their inherent dignity and value as human beings.

2. There shall be no discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

3. It is, however, desirable to respect the religious beliefs and cultural precepts of the group to which prisoners belong, whenever local conditions so require.

4. The responsibility of prisons for the custody of prisoners and for the protection of society against crime shall be discharged in keeping with a State's other social objectives and its fundamental responsibilities for promoting the well-being and development of all members of society.

5. Except for those limitations that are demonstrably necessitated by the fact of incarceration, all prisoners shall retain the human rights and fundamental freedoms set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and, where the State concerned is a party, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the International Covenant on Civil and

Political Rights and the Optional Protocol thereto, as well as such other rights as are set out in other United Nations covenants.

6. All prisoners shall have the right to take part in cultural activities and education aimed at the full development of the human personality.

7. Efforts addressed to the abolition of solitary confinement as a punishment, or to the restriction of its use, should be undertaken and encouraged.

8. Conditions shall be created enabling prisoners to undertake meaningful remunerated employment which will facilitate their reintegration into the country's labor market and permit them to contribute to their own financial support and to that of their families.

9. Prisoners shall have access to the health services available in the country without discrimination on the grounds of their legal situation.

10. With the participation and help of the community and social institutions, and with due regard to the interests of victims, favorable conditions shall be created for the reintegration of the ex-prisoner into society under the best possible conditions.

11. The above Principles shall be applied impartially.