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Good Afternoon. My name is Jenna and my husband is incarcerated at High Desert State Prison. I am a member of Return Strong! Families United for Justice for the Incarcerated and I am here today to share our story and fear of the situation that my husband is in and the things he has been exposed to due to the negligence on the part of Nevada Department of Corrections during the pandemic.

Just as the others you have and will hear from, the pandemic has made dealing with difficult situation, unbearable. We all share the fear and anger and frustration that has become the reality since COVID hit. High Desert State Prison has been on rolling lockdowns for months. Extended lockdowns and while some of it comes with the territory of being incarcerated in a maximum security prison, a lot of it didn't make sense. CO's telling people they were COVIDlock downs but no cases reported, or rumors but no verification. It was as if they used COVID as an opportunity to inflict additional segregation, even when there wasn't a reason for it. I mean, why do they need to have 24 hour lockdowns for 2-3 days to perform COVID testing. Tests that somehow never provided results for the people that were tested. There was no information given once they were tested. It finally just became the assumption that if it didn't get you moved, you must be negative but that is a horrible way to live, just wondering and waiting.

For my husband, and our family that waiting is even heavier because he already has pre-existing medical conditions with both his heart and lungs and is at high risk for a bad outcome if he were ever to contract COVID yet NDOC has been reckless. CO's think it is a joke and take no precautions outside of their job to ensure that they are not getting exposed and passing the virus inside.

Over Halloween weekend, there was a baseball game in Vegas with two full teams of Corrections Officers playing each other. That was exactly 13 days ago, since then, how many people have the potentially infected with their reckless behavior? He has been exposed to COVID by staff multiple times. Yes we all want

life to be normal again, but the reality is it isn't and NDOC has a responsibility to our loved ones. PLEASE help us find a way to keep them safe.