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NO MORE POISON WATER AT MARION PRISON!

A PETITION TO:

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Bureau of Prisons
320 First Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20534

John Clark, Warden
Marion Prison
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Marion, IL 62959

It has come to my attention that the prisoners at Marion Federal Penitentiary in Marion, Illinois are forced to drink and shower in contaminated water drawn from Crab Orchard Lake. I understand that Crab Orchard Lake is in the middle of a toxic waste dump so severe that it has been placed on the Superfund Priority Cleanup list. I also know that the town of Marion itself does not use this water but instead purchases other water from nearby towns.

This leaves the prisoners at Marion as the only people who are forced to rely upon water from Crab Orchard Lake. As a result they constantly report symptoms such as dizziness, nausea and lipomas (small, benign tumors).

We understand that there is no reason for the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to be using this water other than to continue to brutalize the prisoners held at Marion. We know that, despite BOP denials, Marion is used to hold all those prisoners regarded as troublemakers by the BOP and the state prison administrations—prisoners who lead work stoppages, prisoners who refuse to abandon their religious beliefs, prisoners who refuse to capitulate, and political prisoners.

We demand that prisoners at Marion be provided with healthy, safe water drawn from a water supply used by other people in southern Illinois. We recognize that the contaminated water is an attack on prisoners with no conceivable security pretext and we refuse to accept such a situation.

We thus call on the BOP and the administrators of Marion prison to find a new water supply for the prisoners immediately!

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Write for more information on Marion in general and the water situation in particular.
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