

Dear Reg Susan,

March 31, 2020

Thank you for all you do on behalf of us "old law" people and for your encouraging E-mails. Many of us are very grateful, as well as our families for your time and concern for not only us, but for them as well.

My name is Steven Kiger and I receive your E-mails regularly. I am serving a life sentence and I've been in prison for 27 years. My first parole date is set for September 2025. I and my family are preparing to petition Parole Commissioner John Tate for a parole consideration by the Executive Directive 31 and the PAC 1.05. I am also prayerfully considering your Clemency Waiver for but I am hesitant to give out my social security number. I will discuss this with my family and make my decision soon.

My main reason for writing you, outside of thanking you, is to let you know how Oriskany Correctional is handling things in respect to the Covid 19 virus. For the most part they have been very proactive in cleaning and sanitizing. Each day, our units are spotcleaned and sanitized and throughout the day, workers clean railings, phones, door knobs and our bathroom/shower area. From what we hear, even all staff are being checked as they come in to

the prison to work. By checked, I mean they have a questionnaire and their temperature taken. So for the most part, many of us are satisfied at all their efforts to keep us safe.

Our main concern is that we do most of the state prison's laundry here. We have the BCE, Bureau of Correctional Enterprises Laundry here where I and 73 other men work. Our concern is that if places such as CCI, Stamly, Dodge, Inf., A.B.C.I., etc. have cases of the virus, we will be processing all their laundry. As of now, we have no protocol for doing this and have insufficient P.P.E.'s to handle it. We are currently making respirators out of pant material and sheets.

Myself and others have spoken with our supervisor and security staff here but when they ask questions they receive dismissive answers. As they say, "We just have to wing it until we get over it." I've suggested that all laundry be held for 72 hours before it is given to us. This means it would be bagged, tagged, dated and signed by the prison's security before being sent to us from the other prisons.

Thank God no one here yet to be infected as far as we know. Even at OSCI we have many older people with health issues. Plus, all the staff who work here have spouses, children and

families of their own who could easily be at risk of becoming sick or worse. I already live with the real pain, sorrow and regret for taking one life 27 years ago. I don't wish to have to experience this for another life that could be lost, because I become infected and passed this on to another person. None of us do.

I'm not sure as to what all could be done to change things at work if and/or when this may become a pandemic in prison. I just thought it was important to share this with you since you have such a concern for us all. It appears the staff here and our supervisors really do mean well and are trying to find answers, but meaning well will not keep us well.

Thank you Peg for your time and I praise God for you and I'm so glad you and your family are healthy and safe. You are in many of our prayers and hearts. God Bless you.

Sincerely,

Steven

P.S. I'd like to clarify the respirators we are making. They are actually face masks with elastic straps. Our lack of Personal Protective Equipment includes proper respirators, face shields, gowns, gloves, and boots. Thank you.

