Since April 17, 2020, I've been exposed to the Coronavirus Virus here at the Commins (Unit 4) in a place where social distancing is next to impossible. While in the pandemic food became a nightmare. We went from eating breakfast at 2:00 a.m. to eating breakfast at 10:30 p.m. 10 to 18 hours between meals. When we did finally receive our meal, it would be cold and mixed with other foods. Commissary couldn't keep items in stock going to the store wasn't even an option therefore we were force to eat food that wasn't properly prepared. For as little call and things of that nature, we couldn't leave the barracks if you had a health issue, it would be put on the back burner. At least thirty people tested positive in the barracks I'm housed in, the barracks only hold 47 inmates. The racks we sleep on are so close together I can hold out my arm and touch the person next to me, how they expect us to social distance from one another? I took "8" Coronavirus test each time I came back negative the fact I was in the mix of this crisis that was and still is taking lives. How did I just thinking about how close I was to fighting death? They were moving people in and out the barracks without being tested causing inmates to cross-contaminate. One of the reason why so many inmates become positive. "Lack of testing." We begin receiving mask after many inmates had become infected with the Coronavirus Virus. Only one mask, we where issued at something went wrong with that one; you where at your own risk. Unable to leave the barracks no yard, gym, library, etc. Everyday all day we stayed in the barracks for 4 months and doing the pandemic negative and positive inmate where handling the food causing inmates to cross-contaminate once again, meaning more lives at
risk. I was granted clemency by the parole board after being locked up 15-years on a drug charge. Less than a gram of Crack Cocain had the opportunity to be released from prison. The fact Governors all over the United States were releasing inmates do to (COVID-19) nowe violent offenders. Asa Hutchinson choose not to take action on my behalf when clearly am a nowe violent offender. By the grace of Gido i didut catch the virus” but what if i would have died in prison do to the virus” so close to home but a signature to late dealing with the crisses in prison easy to get locked up yet so hard to get free...

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(My Biographical note)

my name Monte Gentry i was sentence to 92-years in prison on drug charges less than a gram of crack cocain been locked up going on 15-years been granted clemency by the parole board just waiting on the Governor to sign off keep me in your prayers may Gido bless you all and your families.

Thank you for this opportunity