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## **Governor Cuomo's Disregard for the Lives of New Yorkers in Prison Leads to Two New COVID-19 Deaths at Fishkill Correctional Facility**

**(New York, NY)** -- Today, the Release Aging People in Prison Campaign, Parole Preparation Project, #HALTsolitary Campaign, VOCAL-NY, Worth Rises, and Jim Owles Liberal Democratic Club released the following statement in response to news that two more people at Fishkill Correctional Facility have died with COVID-19:

"Two more people at Fishkill Correctional Facility have died with COVID-19 because Governor Cuomo refuses to value the lives of incarcerated New Yorkers. It is clear that Cuomo's prisons cannot stop COVID-19's spread or the harm it inflicts on people behind bars. Fishkill and Sing Sing Correctional Facilities have [more COVID cases](#) than all other prisons in New York State. They also account for 7 of the 9 COVID related deaths of incarcerated people that have happened thus far. These tragedies are further proof that the only way for Cuomo to adequately respond to the presence of COVID-19 in New York State prisons is by granting broad clemencies to vulnerable incarcerated people and reducing the overall prison population."

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