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Amidst New COVID-19 Spike and Another COVID-19 Death in NY State Prisons, Advocates Will Hold Rally Outside Greene Prison, COVID Hotspot

In the Wake of 164 New COVID Cases Among Incarcerated People in the Last Two Days, Advocates Will Call on Cuomo to Immediately Grant Clemencies to All 188 Older People and Others at the Facility

Demonstrators Will Also Demand Albany Lawmakers Pass Elder Parole and Fair and Timely Parole Acts, Two Pending Parole Reform Bills

WHEN: Thursday, October 22, 11AM

WHERE: Outside Greene Correctional Facility: Plank Road, Coxsackie, NY. The press conference will be available for press and the public through zoom: bit.ly/greene-rally

WHO: Family members of incarcerated people, community leaders, and criminal justice advocates from the Release Aging People in Prison Campaign, VOCAL-NY, Hudson Catskill Housing Coalition, All of Us, and Catskill Mutual Aid.

WHAT: A coalition of advocates and community members will host a rally outside Greene Correctional Facility in the wake of a COVID-19 spike in New York State prisons. One hundred incarcerated people have recently tested positive for the virus at Greene CF, and there are dozens of other new cases at Elmira, Clinton, and other state correctional facilities. The coalition will call on Governor Cuomo to grant emergency clemencies to all 188 incarcerated older people at Greene and other incarcerated people who are immunocompromised or within one year of release. They will also call on Albany lawmakers to pass the Elder Parole and Fair and Timely Parole bills, two parole reform initiatives pending in Albany.

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