

1.) We demand that the United States of America live up it's ideal that all living human beings are created equal and have inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, regardless of their social status.

2) We demand divestment of tax dollars from military, police, and prisons and the reinvestment of those dollars into the sustainable development of communities that for decades have been systemically impoverished, criminalized, abused, and exploited for the benefit of those who profit off of mass incarceration and have used prisons as a tool of social and political control to maintain the status quo of race and class oppression in America.

3) We demand a national conversation about modern day slavery in America's prisons, including Congressional hearings, into the re-enslavement of Black and Brown people through the exception clause of the 13th Amendment, the abandonment of Reconstruction, the case for Reparations, and the systemic disinvestment and criminalization of Black, Brown, and poor white communities.

4) We demand that local and state governments and the United States federal government, who currently hold hundreds of thousands of African Americans and others on prison farms across the country, be investigated for crimes against humanity, human trafficking, involuntary servitude, and slavery.

5) We demand an end to the exploitation of prisoners and their families and supporters on the outside by corporations that profit off of the Prison-Industrial Complex.

6) We demand classrooms for our education and rehabilitation, not slavery. We demand classmates not cellmates.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
concluded on April 3, 1968,
the eve of his assassination:

*“We’ve got to stay together
and maintain unity. You
know, whenever Pharaoh
wanted to prolong the period
of slavery in Egypt, he had a
favorite, favorite formula for
doing it. What was that? He
kept the slaves fighting
among themselves. When
the slaves got together, that
was the beginning of getting
out of slavery. Now let us
maintain unity.”*

*“What we want is to let them
know that our aims are just.
Our aims our within the
realm of justice. And since
they are, we are justified in
going after those aims.”*

- Malcolm X

“I am confident that if these confined men want freedom, they must free their minds and start not being prisoners and start redefining what their situation is. But as long as they accept the definition of prisoners, they will keep them as prisoners. No one wants real men in prison, particularly working together rather than trying to destroy each other.”

- Na'im Akbar

A CALL FOR ACTION TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR JUSTICE, TO ABOLISH SLAVERY, AND TO SMASH THE PRISON FARM PLANTATION SYSTEM



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THE HUNGER STRIKE AND WORK STOPPAGE

“Persons committed to and in the physical custody of the department of corrections shall be treated in a humane manner, and the department shall direct efforts toward the rehabilitation of such persons in order to effect their return to the community as promptly as practicable.”

– LA - R.S. 15:828

Starting on August 21 and going through September 9, we are calling out prisoners in Angola and throughout the state of Louisiana to hunger strike and/or refuse to go to work as slaves in the field, in the kitchen, in the various work factories on the prison farm plantation system. For the whole period from August 21 through September 9, we will conduct a hunger strike and work stoppage in solidarity with the Nationwide Prison Strike and in protest of the 13th Amendment, racist and bigoted courts of law, racist and bigoted parole boards, racist and corrupt prison guards and prison officials, overcrowding in dorms and cellblocks, inadequate medical care, inadequate food, inadequate classification, inadequate shelter, lack of educational opportunities for rehabilitation and re-

entry, and all the unfair, inhuman and barbaric treatment that characterizes the new system and institution of slavery

THE BOYCOTT

“Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to its jurisdiction.”

– 13th Amendment

Slavery has been restored with the 13th Amendment and reinforced through the American Criminal Justice System by rebel judges and pro-incarceration prosecutors. And it is colonial legislatures that set us up to be systematically marginalized, criminalized, and used as a profit-center to be exploited by the corporations that contract with the state to provide us commissary, telephone services, medicine, food and drink through visitation, clubs inside the prison and rodeo twice a year. For these reasons during the time between August 21 and September 9 while we are conducting a hunger strike and work stoppage, we will boycott the prison canteen, prison rodeo, and prison phone system.

CHANGE IS GONNA COME

“Only violence, or a real threat of it, will get results. The only time the government moves is in reaction to crises. When it’s too costly to let our people continue to suffer, Washington will give the massive federal aid needed to solve the problem.” –

Malcolm X

We cannot count on criminals who run our state government to change the laws, to free us. We have to do that for ourselves! The Decarcerate Louisiana Anti-Slavery, Freedom, and Liberation Act is our bill that will present to the Legislature of Louisiana in 2020. It will be our duty to lobby for the legislation from inside to outside the prison to pass this bill into law and let them know that unless we can see our freedom again on the outside with our loved ones, until slavery is abolished and we see a new system at work to educate, rehabilitate, and prepare incarcerated persons for re-entry into society, to our death we will hunger strike, boycott, and shut down this ungodly, profit-driven system. We chant: “CLASSMATES, NOT CELLMATES! NO JUSTICE, NO PEACE!”