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To: ALL MSOP STAFF – PROGRAM-WIDE:

The Executive Director issued, then implemented a Policy yesterday on April 2, 2020 ominously called: “LOCKDOWN.” This policy proclaims medical safety and security while taking the MSOP residents medical safety and security from them.

This policy is claimed to be part of an ongoing effort to diminish the likelihood of residents contracting the *Corona Virus*. But the absolute opposite effect will take place if it is implemented. Think about the following:

Right now, it is my choice to deal with MSOP Staff—the **only persons** from whom, I can likely contract this virus from. I get my mail, while staying at a safe distance. Other residents prepare and serve me my food. I do not use the same telephones or bathroom facilities as staff. I enjoy a sort of isolation from the danger.

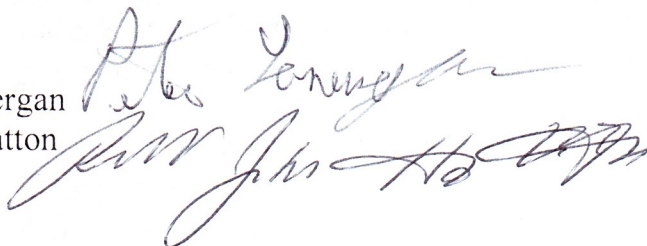
If I am forced to be locked down into my cell, multiple MSOP staff, whom I now keep myself safe from, will be preparing and then serving me my food, bringing me my mail, giving me ice and collecting my trash. This is an unacceptable medical risk I should not have to endure.

Instead of the due process violations an unnecessary “lockdown” of residents in cells—we are not prisoners to be locked up at your convenience—there should be a lockout of MSOP staff. MSOP staff are the only likely way I can contract the *Corona Virus*. I am in much more serious danger of becoming sick from this virus if this facility forces residents to be locked into their cells.

I say: “Let’s be safe!” Identify ways you can count us on a regular basis through the many cameras and video equipment you have. Identify the ten or so civilian staff it would take to safely watch over the place; that are willing to live here during the crisis. Then the rest of you go home until this national crisis is over. We don’t need you here to make us sick.

Truly yours,

Peter Lonergan  
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The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is for Peter Lonergan, and the bottom signature is for Russell Hatton. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.