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COMMITTEE TO END THE MARION LOCKDOWN

Dear Friends,

Enclosed you will find a description of our latest activities, a letter from Tim Blunk (a prisoner at Marion), and a leaflet for our upcoming December 19 demonstration. We hope that you will be able to join us. We held a similar demonstration last year and it had a powerful impact as we marched down State Street, through very heavy Christmas shopping, with many banners and distributing thousands of leaflets.

We must also ask you for financial support. The work that you read about in the enclosed pages costs a great deal of money. Although we think that our work is good, getting better, and generating some important results (see the enclosed report), it just cannot pay for itself. For example, although we believe that the Tribunal was a success, we lost money. The costs of printing and distributing 13,000 leaflets, renting the church and the sound system, and dozens of other miscellaneous expenses were simply much greater than what we were able to collect that day. In addition, we are planning to reproduce the slide show as a video so that it can be widely distributed, we will soon be sending a mailing to every prisoner at Marion, and we need to produce many leaflets to make the December demonstration a success.

We know that you receive many requests for money - especially at this time of the year. Nonetheless, we ask you to please help if you can. Checks should be made out to the Committee to End the Marion Lockdown (tax deductible checks can be made out to the Illinois Justice Foundation) and mailed to us at the address below.

For CEML,

Steve

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