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CASEY

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Casey Goonan is a dedicated community educator, writer, distroist, and printer who has committed their life to struggles for liberation.

A federal investigation by the FBI and several other law enforcement agencies resulted in Casey's arrest in June 2024 for actions including burning a UCPD vehicle in response to UC Berkeley's treatment of student protestors for Palestine. On September 23, 2025, Casey was sentenced to nearly 20 years in prison followed by 15 years of close supervision and was ordered to pay over \$94,000 in restitution.

Just as Casey has persistently for years cared for, supported, and struggled alongside incarcerated comrades, we aim to replicate these actions in solidarity with Casey as they continue their struggle from the other side of the wall.

A note from Casey in September 2025:

“Thanks to everybody out there who has shown me love and offered support through this time. I wish every prisoner could experience the level of support you all have shown to me. In here, I’ve done my best to show my love to all my fellow prisoners and I remain steadfast to the movement to Palestinian liberation and the movements for decolonization and abolition worldwide.”

Statement of Solidarity with Casey Goonan

by Stevie Wilson (July 2024)

Many years ago, while imprisoned at SCI-Smithfield, and struggling to keep our study groups afloat, I received an e-message from Casey Goonan. I had no clue whom he was. He said he reached out because he heard about the work I was doing inside and wanted to offer any assistance he could. He did, and he continued to do so. Casey has been one of the most consistent and ready allies/accomplices of imprisoned people. Whether producing zines that center imprisoned voices, mailing zines to imprisoned people at no cost, coordinating phone zaps to combat repression by prison officials, raising funds for mutual aid, building social media presence for imprisoned folk or just lending an attentive ear to the concerns of imprisoned people, Casey has been unstinting in his support of anyone, anywhere, who is being oppressed.

My friend, my comrade, my brother, is currently being held in a county jail in CA. I wish I were out there to do more for him, to manifest by love and solidarity for him. What I want everyone to know is that Casey Goonan is an amazing ally/accomplice of oppressed people everywhere. In this, his time of need, he should be supported and cared for. I ask people to keep close tabs on the situation, show up for Casey and make sure that while he is inside, jail officials do not harm him or exacerbate his condition. I don't ever claim to speak for all imprisoned people, but I feel confident in saying that thousands of imprisoned people across this land have benefited from Casey's efforts. We ask you support our comrade and care for him.

Always,
Stevie

Message of Support to Free Casey Goonan: Free Them All!

by Hybachi LeMar (July 2024)

Revolutionary Greetings.

My name is Hybachi LeMar and I'm a member of the Black Autonomy Federation Chicago Local Organizing Committee. I'm sending this message to support the release of scholar activist dedicated community organizer and friend Casey Goonan.

When I was houseless, he let me eat and sleep in his home. Each morning we asked each other, "What's your positive affirmation for the day?" We take a meaningful moment before sharing a positive truth, both of us knowing it's significance in our lives when we internalize it as an instrument of our liberation. More often than not, for the years I've known Casey, he's neglecting his own needs to prioritize those of others, has led me to ask him instinctively, if he's taken his meds yet. And I've lost count how many times he thanked me for reminding him before asking if I remembered to take mine too.

With barely anything in his pocket, I watched him fill a perfect stranger's diabetic medication prescription. He's loved, and I don't mean by me, but by street walkers and other commoners throughout Chicago.

He's organized fundraisers in one particular area of the city on several occasions. We'd pass out \$20 bills he prefilled in envelopes, for every single houseless person on the street, or asking for change. From one corner to the next, up one gentrified block and up another, not letting him know the contents, or lingering around for thanks; often with the clenched fist of unity and a solidarity smile.

It was heartwarming to hand out gloves, masks, hygiene supplies like cases of hand sanitizer, chips, and other community needs for free, under the el train one blistering winter amidst the pandemic from a makeshift warming center he'd open each weekend. A smile on people's faces glow from appreciation, from those of us who know him, to the newcomers asking 'And this is for free?' when glancing at the fold-out tables, not far from the turnstile.

"Mm-hmm! Yep! Help yourself," Casey responds, wishing them a good day and to take care, which is substantial to folks rendered socio-economically invisible in the city.

Free, the root word in freedom, has been top priority as an agenda item for Casey from dusk til dawn every day of every year that I've known him.

He likes to remind everyone how special we are in this world, by showing how easy and necessary it is to care for each other, and to help a world that could certainly use it, offering a space and a table of togetherness, and free education.

As a publisher, he provides an invaluable resource for writers. With freedom inspired by billions of us, it speaks not only to our conscious, but to our collective benefit to know we're substantially freer in this world with him inside it. We, particularly poor folk throughout the city, appreciate him.

The socio-economically engineered gentrification spiraling genocide by poverty in Chicago's northside has been as politically protracted as an alienated southside housing he helped me leaflet. His spirit of spending his last to buy insulin for the diabetic outside the electric doors at Walgreens is the same one alive in the Holy Land 5 that sends medicine and food supplies to orphans in Palestine.

Casey Goonan is a walking model of our aspired-after ideals as Human Beings. A genuine listener, whose aura is evident in the integrity of compassion. His ideals against genocide are shared by me and each of us around the globe who envision a world released from it's grip.

Free Casey Goonan! Free Jack Mazurek! Free the Cop City 61! Drop the charges against the Merrimack 4 and the Mountain Valley pipeline defenders! Free the Holy Land Foundation 5! Free Leonard Peltier! Free Mumia Abu-Jamal! Free Cletus C Rivera! Free them all!

In solidarity with the Columbia University Hinds Hall demonstrators and the CUNY 22.

Love and soli,
Hybachi LeMar

Let's let Casey know how loved they are! Casey is excited to receive mail including updates on news and current affairs, printed out memes, and poetry. Every letter counts and is a lifeline to someone inside.

As of October 4, 2025, Casey is located at FCI Mendota, but we expect them to be moved through several federal facilities before they reach their long term placement. Check the BOP Inmate Locator for Casey's current location before writing. They are still awaiting security classification, and transfer to a different facility could happen at any time without notice.

Casey Goonan #24611-511
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Things to keep in mind: Leave a 1-inch margin around the page of your letter, otherwise your text may be cut off during the scanning process. Stay mindful—even after sentencing, surveillance is the same as it's been. Reckless conversations could cause Casey more harm. Do not discuss the contents of the case. Receiving mail discussing their case can continue to seriously endanger them. Don't valorize Casey. They are a person and a member of our community, not a symbol or martyr. Casey isn't looking for praise, but rather to maintain correspondence. Don't write anything you wouldn't want Fox News, a cop, or a judge to see. Assume that intelligence and law enforcement agencies are reading your letter.

As you correspond with Casey, they may send requests aside from books or commissary. Please coordinate directly with Casey's Support Committee regarding additional asks by emailing cscommittee@proton.me

Casey has worked tirelessly for years to support their incarcerated comrades, and we owe them the same! Now that Casey has been sentenced, we will continue to maintain fundraising efforts to assist with a broader set of financial burdens beyond legal expenses. Casey is facing significant costs for restitution, fines, commissary, communication (phone etc.), diabetic and dietary care, books, travel costs for loved ones, and other needs.

Every penny counts and we're so grateful for all the support so far. We're asking you to donate what you can and also to reach out to your friends, family, comrades, and organizations to ask them to contribute as well. Please consider a monthly donation as Casey has a long road ahead of them.

Donate here: <https://chuffed.org/project/SupportCasey>

If you would like to make a large donation more anonymously, please reach out to the email cscommittee@proton.me

Fundraising

Many comrades have thrown fundraisers already and you can too! If you would like support in making one happen, please reach out to us at cscommittee@proton.me

Casey's Commissary

Casey's support team has been making sure that they have funds on their commissary account so that they can purchase the food they need to manage their diabetes. Until Casey reaches their long-term federal placement, the best way to contribute to their commissary is to venmo @juliepetersonG.

Casey has published some of their writings since their sentencing as zines to print and share, including:

“Federal Task Force to Combat Anti-Zionism,” Bloomington
Anarchist Black Cross

“Timeline of the Gaza Solidarity Encampment Wave & Campus
Flood at U. C. Berkeley from My Perspective (April to June
2024),” with whatever weapons distro

“‘Palestine’s Liberation Will Liberate Us All’: A Message to a
Prisoner Letter Writing Event,” with whatever weapons distro

The state uses the imprisonment of political leaders and rank-and-file activists as a bludgeon against movement victories. Their incarceration is a reminder of the strength, potential, and, just as crucially, the weaknesses and vulnerabilities of radical mass movements. As a result, political prisoners serve collective prison time for all those who participated in the movements from which they emerged.

— “Federal Task Force to Combat Anti-Zionism,” by Casey Goonan

