

hello,

family.

MARIUS MASON is an imprisoned transgender anarchist. He is serving 22 years for acts of eco-sabotage. He's incarcerated in FMC Carswell, a huge, high-security facility; he receives few visits, his mail is monitored, and he is intensely socially isolated. Since he came out, he has been denied access to hormones, surgery, and the ability to change his name.

AS QUEERS we know the terror of scrutiny, disgust and isolation; we have all been denied the ability to live the way we want by society for at least some portion of our lives. For trans and gay people in prison, those problems are doubled by the physical and emotional restraints of a literal cage. For decades, early queer activists showed active solidarity and support for their imprisoned brothers and sisters—they wrote letters, had marches and demanded not just that they be treated with respect and dignity, but their total and unconditional release. Gay and trans prisoners organized with each other and the outside world.

IT'S TIME to revive that tradition. Write to Marius—let him know he's not alone. Show him the recognition and respect the prison refuses him. Get involved in projects that support other gay and trans prisoners, and look into the other struggles in which Marius participates—it's one fight against the society that is killing us, one way or the other. Live your life with pride, joy, and freedom, and extend those feelings to others; don't let the walls of prison or society act as a limit.

They won't stop hurting us until we make them.

**CELEBRATE MARIUS
and stand with him.**

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