



# FOR PRISON HUNGER STRIKERS

On Monday July 16th, prisoners at three different North Carolina facilities began a hunger strike directed at violence and censorship by guards, the absence of law libraries, inadequate food and medical care, and the use of solitary confinement for political intimidation.

Beyond the question of demands, the strikers are acting to retain some level of dignity in the face of a system of solitary confinement that has devolved into torture and debasement of the worst kind. That these men have the courage to unite across lines of race, gang status, and religion to stand up for themselves inspires us, as we hope it inspires others.