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The Honorable Toni Preckwinkle
Cook County Board President
118 N. Clark Street – Rm. 537
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear President Preckwinkle:

We are writing today to advocate for releasing non-violent offenders from Cook County Jail. Amid the COVID-19 outbreak in the facility, and the ongoing loss of life in the jail due to the pandemic, this represents a social justice crisis and not just a medical one.

We strongly urge you to consider the immediate release of non-violent offenders.

Respectfully,

Rev. Dr. Rodney Walker
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