

People with disabilities condemn the attempted execution of Mumia Abu-Jamal by medical neglect.



Join Us NOW in Taking Action to Save Mumia's Life

Join Us in Supporting the Right to Adequate Medical Treatment for Mumia and all U.S. Prisoners

The People with Disabilities Caucus of the Peoples Power Assembly joins the progressive international community in condemning the attempted execution by medical neglect of Mumia Abu- Jamal.

Behind the walls of the prison-industrial complex, internationally renowned political prisoner and journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal is known for exposing the racist foundation of capitalism, from profitable mass incarceration of people of color to U.S. war and intervention abroad.

He has spent 30 years in prison, mostly in solitary confinement on Pennsylvania's Death Row, unjustly convicted of killing a police officer. His demand for a new trial and freedom is supported by heads of state and prominent politicians in France, Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America, and by Nobel laureates Nelson Mandela, Toni Morrison, Desmond Tutu, and others

Mumia is now sereriously ill. He is suffering from life threatening diabetes, full body skin disease, weight loss -- 80 pounds in the last two to three months -- extreme dehydration, multiple neurological symptoms -- uncontrollable shaking, slurred speech, loss of memory with fugue states – and now uses a wheelchair.

Mumia's family and friends hold the Department of Corrections directly responsible for neglect, malpractice, and inadequately addressing the alarming deterioration of his health. Only if he is released will he be able to get the proper medical care to give him a chance at recovery.

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Prisons are a disability issue. Mass incarceration has resulted in the jailing of people with mental, developmental, emotional, and physical disabilities in disproportionately high numbers. Many are unjustly incarcerated. Once in jail, they often receive inadequate treatment for their disability or no treatment at all. This violates Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which guarantees prisoners with disabilities the right to adequate healthcare.

As activists in the disability rights movement, we demand that Mumia, and all prisoners with disabilities be immediately granted full medical rights, as protected by the ADA. We demand that Mumia be released, and be able to see a doctor of his choice.

We urge you to join us in phoning and e-mailing:

Secretary of the Department of Corrections John Wetzel to demand that Mumia be treated by a doctor of his choice. ([717-728-2573](tel:717-728-2573); ra-crpdocsecretary@pa.gov)

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf to demand that the state halt attempts to execute Mumia by medical neglect. ([717-787-2500](tel:717-787-2500); fax: [717-772-8284](tel:717-772-8284); governor@pa.gov)

We also urge you to sign onto this message, and/or circulate it as widely as possible. .

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