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Governor Doug Ducey
1700 West Washington Street
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Dear Governor Ducey:

The S.T.A.R.T. Project has partnered with FAMM to implore Governor Ducey to use his power to grant release to medically infirm and elderly incarcerated individuals at high risk of death from COVID-19. The following petition has garnered the support of almost 300 people, both affected families and allies, listed below:

“We are calling on Governor Doug Ducey and the Board of Executive Clemency to protect vulnerable populations within the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation, and Reentry by granting medical clemency to elderly and medically infirm individuals so that they can be released and isolate themselves at home immediately. This action will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 among staff and people in prison, minimize outbreaks and deaths inside prisons, and keep precious hospital beds in and outside of prison open for seriously ill patients.

The outbreak of COVID-19 is a dire and unexpected emergency that calls for sweeping and momentous action immediately in Arizona’s prisons. Prisons are overcrowded, lack sufficient cleaning materials and soap, and house a large number of elderly and medically fragile people. These people pose a minimal risk to the community and are unlikely to reoffend, and are of high risk of infection and death if they contract COVID-19.

Unprecedented situations, such as the alarming spread of COVID-19, call for unprecedented and drastic measures.

We urge Governor Ducey and the Board of Executive Clemency to save lives by expediting the review and granting of clemency to elderly and medically frail people in prison without delay.”

Respectfully signed,

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Amy McKellar	Tombstone	AZ	Claudia Eichhorn		AZ
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Jamie Chisholm		CA	Latasha London		AZ
Jason Kimbrough	Mesa	AZ	Laura Lacy		AZ
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Niara Thompson		AZ	Sandra Jones	Phoenix	AZ
Nichole Medina	Tolleson	AZ	Sandy Boothe	Clarkdale	AZ
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Pamela Ford	Tucson	AZ	Shannon Freeman	Kingman	AZ
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Paula Bolin		AZ	Sharon DiMarco		LA
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Sulette Mojica		AZ	Valerie Corona		AZ
Susan Swartz		AZ	Veronica Munoz		AZ
Suzanne Hesh	Tucson	AZ	Vickie Odell	Mesa	AZ
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Tabatha Looper	Apache Junction	AZ	Viviana Silvas		AZ
Tabatha Hancock		AZ	Wendy Cook-Roberts	Rimrock	AZ
Tammy Regan	Peoria	AZ	Will Knight	Phoenix	AZ
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Tanesha Williams	Takoma Park	MD	William Gonzalez		IA
Tania Malven	Tucson	AZ	Julia Lee		AZ
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We urge you to work with the ADCRR and Board of Executive Clemency to identify and grant clemency to vulnerable people in our prisons, to save lives and stop the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

Thank you for considering this petition, and please contact us if we can assist you or your staff in your efforts to protect incarcerated people and corrections staff in Arizona prison facilities.

Sincerely,

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