The Struggle Continues for Dr Mutulu Shakur

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Early Monday morning, Dr. Mutulu Shakur, father of hip hop icon Tupac (2Pac) Shakur, was snatched from sleep and transferred from Federal Corrections Complex in Coleman (FCC Coleman), Florida to USP Pollock in Louisiana.

As many of you know, Mutulu Shakur was effective in organizing programs in FCC Coleman, making a life changing impact on the transformation on hundreds of men, particularly youth from a criminal mentality to liberation consciousness. As he had in other prisons, Dr. Shakur has also worked to bring unity between a variety of religious, cultural and political communities in FCC Coleman, and the Black/ New Afrikan, Latino and Native American populations in the prison.

FCC Coleman is the largest prison complex in the United States with 8000 prisoners in five facilities; two maximum and a medium and low security male facilities and a women's camp. Carlisle Holder, the warden of the maximum prison where Dr. Shakur was incarcerated, worked with Dr. Shakur and other socially conscious inmates to develop educational and cultural programs.

This approach has been effective in terms of rehabilitation and maintaining peace. USP II, managed by Warden Holder has experienced little violence while USP I, the other federal prison in the Coleman Complex remains under lock down with constant violence, deaths and stabbings. In recent weeks the Bureau of Prisons has chosen to harass and pressure Warden Holder and now they have transferred Dr. Mutulu Shakur. Obviously constant violence and hostility is preferred to rehabilitation and peace.

The transfer of Dr. Mutulu Shakur is continued political harassment of a political prisoner, who is continuing to serve his people and movement while incarcerated. We are asking all socially conscious individuals and human rights organizations to write the United States Bureau of Prisons and challenge the transfer of Dr. Shakur and the harassment of Warden Holder.

We are asking you to write letters to:

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