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I'm hearing that some time in the Fall, 50 capital case prisoners will be transferred from SCI-Greene to SCI-Pheonix. It's been reported that the new facility for capital cases is done. The staff has been conducting exercises in preparation to receive us. It will be staffed by guards from the Graterford facility that will be closing. For security reason, I can't say exactly when we will be moved. I can only say, "I'll be home for Christmas."

This move will be a welcome change for me. I may be closer to home in time for Christmas. This may be the first one I've been able to spend with my family in 20 years! I don't know if I'll be able to contain my emotions because it's been so long since I've seen them. I've got a 20 year old niece I've never met, and a new generation that has sprung up. The joy I will feel as they walk through that door will be epic. I wonder if I'll recognize anyone. I did get a visit a long time ago. It was an emotional time for me then but I composed myself. The trip is a hardship for my family. It's a 7 hr trip up & back. The State has made it difficult for them to get to me to provide support.

For 20 years, I've been cast to the farthest regions of this State, out-of-sight, out-of-mind. My family is distraught by the disturbing reality that the State is out to murder their loved one for a crime I didn't commit, and because there's so many financial obstacles hindering their support. This correctional system has discouraged my family from showing their support at every turn. High phone rates, locating on other end of State, intrusive visiting policies, obstructed lines of communication, hostile prison conditions, etc. All of this erodes at the cohesiveness of the already strenuous relationships under assault by society's discourse. The pain of my incarceration weighs heavily upon them, and me. I'm ready to go.

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