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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Tina Orlandini and I am an artist and the Development Director of a cultural solidarity organization called AgitArte. I currently live in New Orleans, LA. I am writing this letter in support of my friend, Krystal Clark #435064 who is incarcerated at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

I first learned of Krystal through her reporting for Prison Radio. I was disturbed to learn of the extremely hazardous and inhumane conditions at Women's Huron Valley Center and that several women like Krystal are experiencing severe respiratory issues and other life-threatening health concerns due to the black mold and other dangerous conditions.

Krystal arrived at Huron Valley with a heart condition and asthma. Since then, she has developed at least seven new illnesses including complications with her thyroid, severe allergic reactions, loss of hearing, intense body swelling, memory loss, hair loss, difficulty walking, and much more. It is undeniable that these ailments are directly related to the environment at Huron Valley.

Krystal has brought her concerns to Warden Jeremy Howard, to the medical staff at the prison, and to the outside community through Prison Radio. She has written to Governor Whitmer for support. AgitArte sent postcards to Warden Jeremy Howard urging him to do something about the health hazards in the facility. We received no response.

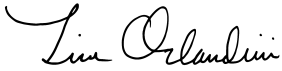
What Krystal and many other people at Women's Huron Valley are experiencing is torture. I am concerned for my friend's life. I spoke with Krystal on the phone recently and while her spirits remain high, her health continues to deteriorate and she is scared.

I urge Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Parole Board to grant a medical release for Krystal Clark immediately and for the state of Michigan to do an investigation into the deadly conditions at Huron Valley.

Something that initially drew me to Krystal, aside from her deeply concerning situation, was her willingness to risk retaliation and her own well-being to improve conditions not just for herself, but for all current and future incarcerated people at Huron Valley. Krystal is a mother of four, she is committed to her faith, and she is a fighter.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or for additional comments.

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