



No jails or prisons are safe: currently incarcerated people are at a higher risk of COVID-19. **As of March 17, one person at the Yuba County Jail has been hospitalized for flu-like symptoms and placed in solitary confinement. No one at Yuba County Jail has been tested.**

Liyah Birru, an Ethiopian immigrant survivor fighting deportation for defending herself from her abusive husband, is currently incarcerated at Yuba County Jail. Liyah is particularly vulnerable to public health crisis like the COVID-19 pandemic because survivors of domestic violence often have weakened immune systems due to trauma.

### 1. Call Governor Newsom

**Dial: (916) 445-2841**

*Sample Script: Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am calling to urge Governor Newsom to pardon and free Liyah Birru, an Ethiopian immigrant survivor fighting deportation because she defended herself from her abusive husband. Survivors of domestic violence often have weakened immune systems due to trauma, and Liyah is vulnerable to COVID-19. Please take action to flatten the curve by freeing Liyah and all criminalized survivors. Thank you.*

**2. Tweet at Governor Newsom!** Use hashtags: #FreeLiyah #FreeThemAll #FlattenTheCurve #SurvivedAndPunished

*Sample Tweet: @GavinNewsom When ppl in prison test positive for COVID19 they'll likely be placed in solitary. This is cruel esp to survivors of domestic and sexual violence who are already have compromised immune systems due to trauma. #FreeLiyah now! #FlattentheCurve #FreeThemAll*

### 3. Write to Liyah and other criminalized survivors

Currently incarcerated people who receive little to no mail or visits are the most likely to be mistreated by prison guards. Write to incarcerated survivors: they should not fear for their physical or psychological well being while they are in prison. Write to Liyah directly [here](#).

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