

Take Action

1. Call During Phone Zaps

We're building an "Anti-Repression Army."

Repression has already begun. When prisoners face retaliation for going on strike, we call the facility and voice the prisoners' demands. Prisons need darkness to operate. If lots of us outside are watching, we reinforce prisoners' power.

When you see a phone blast announced, make the calls. Encourage others. Form your own group to make calls. And call again.

5 minutes of your time reduces someone's time in solitary by 5 minutes. THIS WORKS.

2. Follow & Share

Media releases, inside updates, and phone actions announced here:

twitter @JailLawSpeak @IWW_IWOC

facebook.com/BlkJailhouselawyer

Share the strikers' press release:

<http://sawarimi.org/national-prison-strike>

If you don't follow social media, write to the national & local contacts on this flyer. >>>

3. Direct Outreach

Posting, social media, banner drops, talking face to face with other groups, creating your own media, etc.

A principal goal of the strike is raising awareness and having prisoners' voices heard. But awareness also directly translates to protection against repression & retaliation, which are vicious and already happening.

4. Endorsements

Approach any group you belong to, church, union, etc., to endorse the strike. This matters because visibility & awareness directly protect against repression & retaliation.

Organizations can register in solidarity at:

<http://sawarimi.org/national-prison-strike>

Strike Guidelines

set by inside leadership

Outside:

- **This is a prisoner initiated, led, and organized action.**
- **No fundraising or grant writing off the work of strike support.** Strikers don't have the capacity to check the legitimacy of outside fundraising.

Inside:

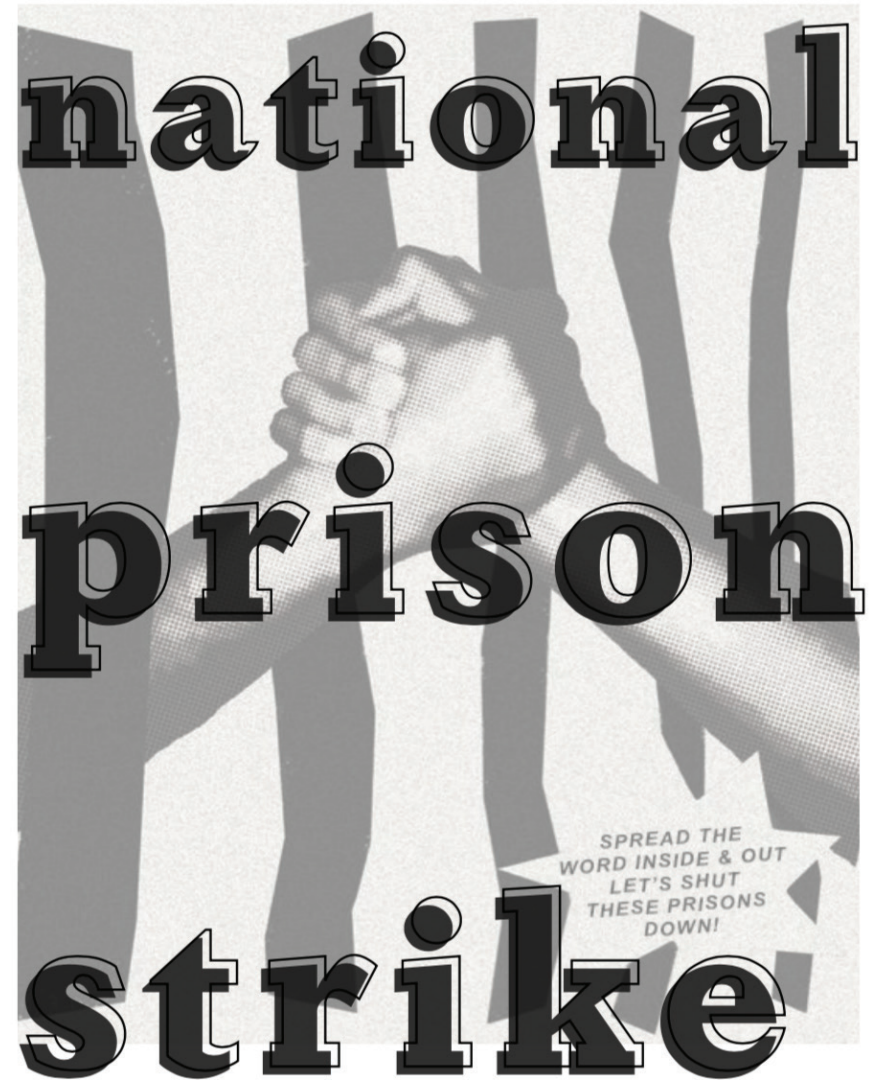
- **Local demands are welcome.** National demands are the focus, but prisoners' situations vary.
- **Solidarity is welcome from ALL facilities**, including: ICE detention, juvies, county jails, etc.

National Contacts

Media Requests for Strikers:
prisonstrikesmedia@gmail.com

Media Requests for IWOC:
media@incarceratedworkers.org

If you want to support and don't know of a local group to connect with, email
millionsforprisonersmarch@gmail.com



august 21st - september 9th, 2018

The United States incarcerates the highest number of people in the world, both in absolute and relative terms. But prisoners and abolitionists are challenging the foundations of incarceration. Over the past decade, a prisoners' movement has arisen within facilities. Prison actions have been increasing in frequency, intensity, and coordination. In September 2016 the largest coordinated national prisoner strike occurred in facilities around the country.

What follows is a press release put out in April 2018 by Jailhouse Lawyers Speak, calling for a two-week national strike beginning on August 21, the anniversary of George Jackson's assassination, and extending until September 9, the anniversary of the Attica Prison Rebellion in 1971.

The author of this call, Jailhouse Lawyers Speak, is a national collective of incarcerated people who fight for human rights by providing other incarcerated people with access to legal education, resources, and assistance. The national call to action has now been endorsed by the Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (IWOC) of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), as well as various other prisoner-advocacy and abolitionist groups around the country.

IWOC is working as part of the outside network to support this strike, coordinating closely with the strikers and following their protocols.

PRESS RELEASE: NATIONAL PRISONERS STRIKE

AUGUST 21st - SEPTEMBER 9th 2018

released April, 2018 by Jailhouse Lawyers Speak

Men and women incarcerated in prisons across the nation declare a nationwide strike in response to the riot in Lee Correctional Institution, a maximum security prison in South Carolina. Seven comrades lost their lives during a senseless uprising that could have been avoided had the prison not been so overcrowded from the greed wrought by mass incarceration, and a lack of respect for human life that is embedded in our nation's penal ideology. These men and women are demanding humane living conditions, access to rehabilitation, sentencing reform and the end of modern day slavery.

WE ALL AGREE TO SPREAD THIS STRIKE THROUGHOUT THE PRISONS OF AMERIS\$\$A! FROM AUGUST 21ST TO SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2018, MEN AND WOMEN IN PRISONS ACROSS THE NATION WILL STRIKE IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

1. Work Strikes: Prisoners will not report to assigned jobs. Each place of detention will determine how long its strike will last. Some of these strikes may translate into a local list of demands designed to improve conditions and reduce harm within the prison.

2. Sit-ins: In certain prisons, men and women will engage in peaceful sit-in protests.

3. Boycotts: All spending should be halted. We ask those outside the walls not to make financial judgments for those inside. Men and women on the inside will inform you if they are participating in this boycott. We support the call of Free Alabama Movement Campaign to "Redistribute the Pain" 2018 as Bennu Hannibal Ra-Sun, formerly known as Melvin Ray has laid out (with the exception of refusing visitation). See these principles described here: <https://redistributethepain.wordpress.com/>.

4. Hunger Strikes: Men and women shall refuse to eat.

THESE ARE THE NATIONAL DEMANDS OF THE MEN AND WOMEN IN FEDERAL, IMMIGRATION, AND STATE PRISONS:

1. Immediate improvements to the conditions of prisons and prison policies that recognize the humanity of imprisoned men and women.

2. An immediate end to prison slavery. All persons imprisoned in any place of detention under United States jurisdiction must be paid the prevailing wage in their state or territory for their labor.

3. The Prison Litigation Reform Act must be rescinded, allowing imprisoned humans a proper channel to address grievances and violations of their rights.

4. The Truth in Sentencing Act and the Sentencing Reform Act must be rescinded so that imprisoned humans have a possibility of rehabilitation and parole. No human shall be sentenced to Death by Incarceration or serve any sentence without the possibility of parole.

5. An immediate end to the racial overcharging, over-sentencing, and parole denials of Black and brown humans. Black humans shall no longer be denied parole because the victim of the crime was white, which is a particular problem in southern states.

6. An immediate end to racist gang enhancement laws targeting Black and brown humans.

7. No imprisoned human shall be denied access to rehabilitation programs at their place of detention because of their label as a violent offender.

8. State prisons must be funded specifically to offer more rehabilitation services.

9. Pell grants must be reinstated in all US states and territories.

10. The voting rights of all confined citizens serving prison sentences, pretrial detainees, and so-called "ex-felons" must be counted. Representation is demanded. All voices count!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Make the nation take a look at our demands. Demand action on our demands by contacting your local, state, and federal political representatives with these demands. Ask them where they stand.
- Spread the strike and word of the strike in every place of detention.
- Contact a supporting local organization to see how you can be supportive. If you are unsure of who to connect with, email millionsforprisonersmarch@gmail.com
- Be prepared by making contact with people in prison, family members of prisoners, and prisoner support organizations in your state to assist in notifying the public and media on strike conditions.
- Assist in our announced initiatives to have the votes of people in jail and prison counted in elections.