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Anarchists v. Oregon Department of Corrections

Members of the Anarchists Prisoners' Legal Aid Network (APLAN) outside support group are attempting to challenge a yet-to-be determined Oregon prison. We will charge that Oregon Department of Corrections censors and denies our mail to prisoners due to political content, often cited as “anarchy”, “inflammatory” or “gang-related”.

As a prisoner support group, we feel it is important to help our kidnapped comrades by any means necessary and all means possible. If playing by the state's loaded rules (litigating) will better the environment and conditions of our internees, then we are prepared to enter that arena. In this instance, winning our case would set a useful precedent for prisoners and prisoner support groups to reference and cite.

We do not see this as a long-term solution. We do, however, advocate for the complete abolition of capitalism, governments and their apparatus (including, but not limited to, corporations, cops and prisons). Reformism is not an end in-and-of itself.

We have found a lawyer willing to donate his labor, but there will still be considerable costs to cover – approximately \$2,000 worth.

If you have mail rejected in Oregon prisons, and are interested in helping or joining the case, please contact us. Also, donations will be greatly needed. Leave “To” line blank on checks or money orders or send well-concealed cash – please earmark this for “Litigation Fund”.

Hopeful yet discontent!

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