PETITION TO SHUT DOWN THE SHU CONTROL UNITS

Control Units are **prisons within prisons**. Prisoners in control units are kept in solitary confinement in tiny cells for **23 hours a day**. There is no contact with other prisoners. Many prisoners are put in control units **as punishment for filing grievances or lawsuits** or just for advocating for themselves and other prisoners. Control units use **constant light, sleep deprivation, frequent strip searches, non-contact visits, sensory deprivation** and lack of human contact to break the will of the prisoner. Sensory deprivation and isolation are **forms of torture**. California currently has hundreds of prisoners in these torture chambers, called Security Housing Units (SHU), and has plans to build more control units in prisons across the state.

We the undersigned demand that all control units be shut down and no new control units are built.

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