



Families to Amend California's Three Strikes

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Mr. Schwartz,

After I read about Patrick Swiney and the critical nature of his condition, I felt compelled to write immediately, because time is not on his side. Without action on your part, this man could die. In April of this year, a cardiologist told him that 43% of his heart was gone and warned him that he would not survive another heart attack. The doctor prescribed an appointment with a cardiovascular surgeon and an arteriogram. Four months later and Patrick has yet to see the cardiovascular surgeon.

Patrick is a human being who retains certain rights, rights that are being categorically denied him. His plight is a grave concern to many in this country and we are monitoring him very closely.

I am in California and do a great deal of work with prisoners and their families. I have had family members and friends in prisons over the years and I've been called many times to intercede on their behalf. Never, have I experienced a case like Patrick Swiney's. I, along with many others urge that you move quickly to insure that his medical treatment become a top priority.

Sincerely,

Geri Silva, Executive Director

cc:

Warden Kenneth L. Jones  
Governor Bob Riley  
Prisoner Commissioner Donal Campbell  
U.S. Attorney Alice Martin