Brothers and Sisters!

In this special issue of the Right2Vote Report, in the spirit of this month, we examine alternatives to living in American imperialism. Anyone who has written about Black August or Bloody September I'd love to see your articles. While some may be satisfied with second-class citizenship, we have a ways to go towards actual freedom. Freedom to develop our own economy, manage our own resources and care for our own people. To date we've perceived integration as a victory (that's what we're taught in schools), but with the ongoing cases of police murders of Black citizens, massive loss of employment among communities of color, increases in gentrified areas, and now the weaponizing of the coronavirus against people held in jails, prisons and detention facilities across the country, it's clear to see that integration has not been successful (and never will).

How can we be strategic in the face of a white supremacist controlled government? We must participate to the fullest extent of our capacity. Meaning, if you currently have the right to vote, you must exercise it. Get your registration updated and your absentee ballot now. If you know who your representatives are, you must communicate your policy concerns (whether for or against a piece of legislation within their authority) regularly. As an influencer within your support network, you are responsible to keeping your friends and family informed about the policies that they are unaware of and the best ways for them to take action. Through being engaged we can expose were the gaps are, propose solutions, commit stakeholders to those solutions and hold them accountable (or expose them as unaccountable and replace them).

Yesterday was Michigan's primary election. I cast my ballot with each of you in mind, and I'll continue to do the same until you are able to cast one in your own name.

In Solidarity,
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**Prisoner Legal Action Network (PLAN)** PLAN is a national support network, initiate your legal relationship with PLAN by submitting the form:

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**Network Federal Defense Hotline** The NLG National Office is launching a hotline for activists and lawyers to report incidents of federal repression, such as FBI "door-knocks" at activists' homes, grand jury investigations and subpoenas, and any other federal law enforcement efforts to undermine civil rights, such as federal grab squads and the use of unidentified federal agents to police protests. The numbers is 212-679-2811

**Interview request for 70 Million Podcast** Atlanta based journalist, Pamala Kirkland is interested in speaking with impacted people about their experiences with voting or trying to vote while incarcerated, interested participants can Call 678-763-9446