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Dear Brothers & Sisters,

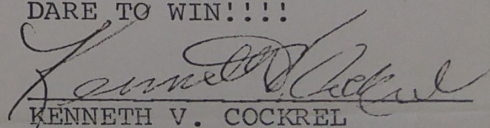
This law firm, Neighborhood Legal Services, other legal agencies and community organizations have received many requests by inmates who wish to file a lawsuit for themselves and all other prisoners attacking the deplorable, inhumane and barbaric conditions that you suffer under each day in the Wayne County Jail. The Free Press can write another 20 articles, the administrators of this pigsty can continue to cop-out saying "Yes, conditions are bad, but we can do nothing without being granted additional funds," and politicians can seek slick, sick maneuvers to transfer many of you out to Dehoco where your people will have difficulty seeing you and your attorneys will never see you--but none of these statements or tricks has served to benefit anyone held captive in this dungeon.

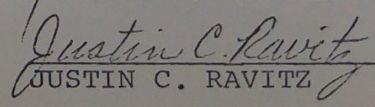
Therefore, on behalf of many client-inmates, we are moving along with legal service attorneys and many others to file a lawsuit against those persons responsible for these continuing, criminal conditions. If there is unity in the jail, then the lawsuit can be brought on behalf of all inmates, but to do so we need your consent to sue, in your name, as well as your cooperation by providing completely straight answers to all questions asked of you. There is absolutely no pressure on you to join the lawsuit at all; if you wish to do so--freely and voluntarily--please sign the consent form below. If not, that is no problem for us or for you.

Two final points: (1) persons here interviewing you are here to attack conditions in the jail and are not in a position to serve in any meaningful capacity on your pending criminal charges; (2) this lawsuit--like any lawsuit--will not guarantee "justice" nor necessarily improve your lot in captivity; but human dignity for all men and women will only be achieved through the commitment of many persons to engage in long-term struggle.

DARE TO FIGHT!!

DARE TO WIN!!!!


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