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**Death Penalty Action Launches Petition, Issues Statement on Second Positive Covid-19 Case of Federal Prisoners with Pending Execution Dates**

*The New Petition Already Has More Than 10,000 Signers.*

Abraham Bonowitz, director of Death Penalty Action, issued the following statement regarding the danger to prison workers and the surrounding community in Terre Haute posed by continuing executions.

"Being sick while incarcerated is awful, but if a guy on death row has it, how are they keeping prison workers safe? What about the workers' families and the Terre Haute community? The very few states that still actually use the death penalty have stopped executions because of the threat of the pandemic to everyone involved, but the Trump Administration has been full speed ahead. They don't care about their own people, let alone the prisoners. Jeffrey Rosen needs to call off any further executions the moment he sits down at his desk next Wednesday."

As soon as Death Penalty Action learned that Attorney General Barr had resigned, the organization [launched a petition](#) they plan to put on incoming Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen's desk as he takes office on December 23rd. More than 10,000 people have signed the petition so far, which recognizes among other issues the additional threat these executions create for prison workers and their communities.

Bonowitz is available for additional comment at 561-371-5204.

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