



DECLARATION OF EDWARD BANKS

I, Edward Banks, certify under penalty of perjury that the following statement is true and correct pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746.

1. My name is Edward Banks. I am 48 years old. I am currently incarcerated at the Central Detention Facility in Washington, D.C., in the Southwest 2 unit. I have been at the jail since August 2019.
2. I am very worried about my risk of contracting coronavirus. I do not believe the jail is taking enough precautions to keep me safe.
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4. For example, on March 24, 2020, at around 5:30 pm, I had a legal visit in visiting hall 2 at the jail. When I was about to enter the visiting hall, I was patted down by an officer. Before he pat me down, the officer was eating dinner with his bare hands. The officer stopped eating dinner and then pat me down with hands that had just been in or near his mouth.
5. 
6. Every day, inmates working in food delivery deliver a tray of food to each cell in my unit. They reuse hard plastic trays every day. They put the trays in each slot in our cells with gloves on. The slots that they put the food trays in are slots that inmates use to talk to each other. People put their mouths close to the slots to speak through their cell doors. When food trays get delivered, the hands of the people delivering the food come in contact with surfaces that people put their mouths very close to.
7. There is no hand sanitizer available on our unit.
8. The jail gave us a single bar of soap a couple of weeks ago.
9. The jail is not cleaning our cells. They do not wipe down surfaces with disinfectant.



10. The correctional officers on my unit do not wear masks or gloves regularly.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed on the 25th day of March 2020, in Washington, D.C.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward Banks", written over a horizontal line.

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