November 19th-26th: Norberto González Claudio Solidarity Week

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Puerto Rican Political Prisoner Norberto Gonzalez Claudio continues to be in solitary confinement and can't contact family and lawyers in the federal prison in Coleman, Fl.

On Monday November 10th, Norberto's attorney, Jan Susler, got a phone call from him; he said he didn't know how long he'd be in solitary confinement. Usually, when an inmate first enters solitary he or she is told how long they will be held.

Prison staff are supposed to send Jan documents explaining why he's been placed in solitary, but to date she has not received this information. Jan says the accusation against Norberto is a simple matter (allegedly, he raised his voice to a prison guard) and therefore it's not justifiable "punishment" to transfer him to a higher security prison and to place him in solitary confinement, which he's been in for the past 23 days (since October 21st).

The ProLibertad Freedom Campaign denounces this horrible mistreatment of Norberto Gonzalez Claudio! Norberto has been exposed to new prison inmates and jailers unknown to him; he has no contact with family and barely any contact with his lawyer; and he has been SEGREGATED without any human contact, which is a form of psychological torture. We must be vigilant because this inexplicable punishment could be used against Norberto to delay his release on January 15, 2015!

The day he was transferred from FCI Coleman Low his handcuffs were so tight it made his wrists bleed. According to a letter he sent to his wife, his wrists have hurt him for weeks. His cell is always freezing cold and the one window in his cell has been covered; he cannot look outside or enjoy some relief from the constant cold.

In response to this crisis, ProLibertad has declared November 19th-26th Norberto Gonzalez Solidarity Week.

During this week, we are asking our allies to call FCI Coleman Medium and demand that Norberto be released from solitary and returned to FCI Coleman Low. Norberto needs us to call

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in the THOUSANDS! Make a call once a day and ask your friends and family to do likewise. Call FCI Coleman Medium at 352-689-5000!

Sample Message:

Puerto Rican Political Prisoner, Norberto Gonzalez Claudio (prison number 09864-000), has been held in solitary confinement since October 21st for no justifiable reason. This prolonged period of confinement is a violation of his human rights and is considered a form of torture! We demand that he be returned to the general population of FCI Coleman Low.

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