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Dear Lois,

Received information on Black population disparity in Iowa Prisons.

Certainly at present all indications such disparity will continue and grow due to drugs.

Might note in prior correspondence mentioned current statistic is that 1 out of every 31 people in the United States is under some form of correctional supervision.....jail... prison... on parole.... probation or other.

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1 in every 11 blacks is under correctional supervision...1 of every 27 Hispanic...and 1 of every 45 white adults.

Note currently however prison population is down somewhat due to Budget problems every state seems to have at present.

Presently I believe one of the areas needing most help in corrections is MENTAL HEALTH. Actually such problems need to be treated and are better treated in community. Those in prison with mental health problems generally do not receive treatment and are in great numbers because of drug use prior to incarceration.

Presently I believe one of the most important needs for prison population is mental health treatment which is better dealt with in the community and not in prison. People in prisons with mental health problems (increased by drugs prior increased by drug use prior to entry into **prison**).

Last statistic I will note is that so far in fiscal 2009 2,212 people have been admitted to Iowa prisons. 1,603 white.. 537 were black.

Forgive by typing. I need a new typewriter which I can not afford at this time on prison pay. Maybe Christmas I might be able to replace.

For better information on Stats in this letter you may care to contact Des Moines Register and request article published (printed on page 1A and continued on page? April 15, 2009).

Thanks for listening. Keep in touch....
I am not sure all of my mail is reaching where I send it?

Especially recent mail on Voting by incarcerated prison inmates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Hinman". The signature is written in black ink and extends across the width of the page.

David Hinman *025374

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