

David Italiano

c/o Judge George Zanic

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Huntingdon County Courthouse.

Huntingdon PA 46750

Hi David!

It came to my attention that you are still not living in a restrictive facility.

I'm sorry you haven't been able to be in your house for a long time. I don't know where you are located (your guardian will not disclose your location for some odd reason) so I am sending this message through Judge Zanic who knows your guardian.

He was the judge who ordered that you be put under the protection of the Huntingdon County Area Agency on Agency, your current guardian. They are called AAA, for short.

As you know, AAA is restricting your ability to receive letters and have visitors.

I hope you are finding pleasant ways to pass the time and I hope they are treating you well.

I find it difficult to live in close quarters with other people because I am the type of person who enjoys my solitude and quiet. I plan on filling out an advance directive soon to make my wishes known, should I become disabled in the future.

If you are having trouble adjusting to your living environment, you are not alone! Many people do not adjust well to living in an institution. I used to work at a geriatric facility as a "Certified Nursing Assistant" (CNA)

Although I met a lot of good-hearted people working in nursing homes, I often observed that the 'cheaper by the dozen' rules that apply to institutions don't always work in favor of the residents.

I can't imagine what it was like to live in a restrictive facility during a global pandemic! I hope you are safe. I am a grandmother living in Western rural, Oregon. I found out about you through the organization I work for called 'MindFreedom International

You are lucky to live in a state that offers services to help people live as independently as possible in their communities. For some strange reason, your guardian will not allow you to have a conversation with some of these service providers.

I have faith that the goodness of human beings still prevails. If you still want to live at home, I think that is still possible. There are good people in Pennsylvania, ready to help you put together a solid plan. Don't give up!

If this letter reaches you and you want to respond,

My address is

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In solidarity,

Sarah Smith