

# End Torture in DC:



## BAN THE USE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IN DC'S JAILS

The **ERASE Act of 2025** was reintroduced by Councilmember Nadeau and is co-sponsored by Councilmembers Allen, Bonds, Lewis George, McDuffie, Parker, and R. White. The Judiciary Committee should **schedule a hearing on the ERASE Act now**. Then, DC Council should **pass the ERASE Solitary Act this Council Period** and fund it.

People who spend time in restrictive housing are



more likely to die by suicide during the first year after their release.

Source: *Journal of the American Medical Association* (2019)

### What is solitary confinement?

- The UN defines solitary confinement—22+ hours of daily isolation—as **torture** when used for more than 15 days.
- DC's terms like administrative segregation, protective custody, disciplinary housing, or safe cells align with the UN's definition of torture.

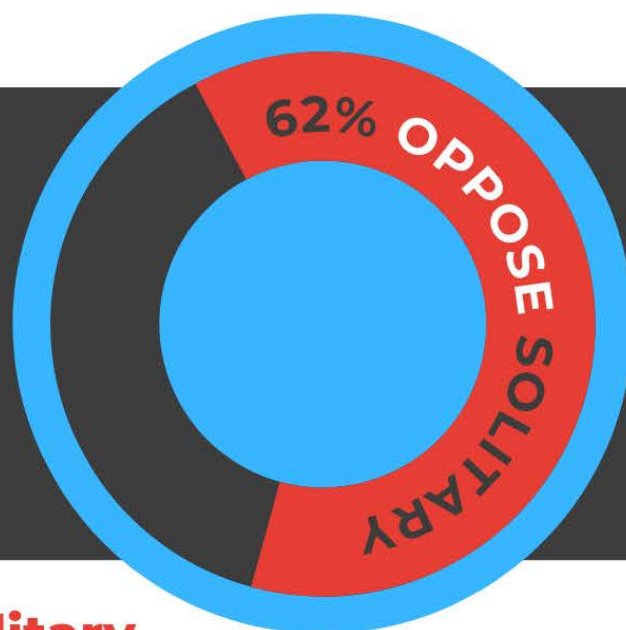
### What would this bill change?

- Bans most solitary confinement in DC jails, requiring at least eight hours of daily out-of-cell time, with strict limits on medical isolation and suicide watch.
- Requires data reporting on solitary confinement, improves the grievance process, and permits lawsuits against DOC for violations.

when informed on common solitary practices,

**62% OF VOTERS OPPOSE THE USE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AT THE DC JAIL**

Source: *ACLU-D.C. commissioned poll of 500 likely voters in Washington, DC* (2023)



**Support B26-0028: ERASE Solitary Confinement Amendment Act of 2025!**

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