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My name is Clara Jaeckel. I live in Redwood City, and I'm part of the Coalition for a Safer San Mateo County. I'm writing to ask you to recommend allowing people in jail in our county to get real, physical mail. Being able to maintain connections with family is so important to people's well-being that we should take all opportunities to support it.

I have birthday cards from my sister and my niece on my desk right now, that are from last year but that I haven't wanted to take down because it's so nice to be reminded of my family's good wishes for me. And that's despite the fact that I also get to see them in person regularly. How much more would it mean to someone who's in jail and has so many fewer chances to see or communicate with their family, to be able to have their actual cards and letters to look at, to hold, and keep!

This is a concrete thing we can do to improve people's lives, their mental health and their sense of belonging in the community. It not only helps them in the moment, but also sets them up for better outcomes upon re-entry. And that makes a safer community for all of us. So please support allowing delivery of real mail again.

Thank you,
Clara Jaeckel