

NOT ONE MORE YEAR

Leonard Peltier is asking for help. He is asking where his supporters are. Why are we allowing him to live in lockdown conditions that would be illegal for livestock, suffering medical neglect? Leonard has not seen a dentist in ten years.

They have sentenced Leonard to Death by Incarceration for a crime they have publicly acknowledged he did not commit. Leonard Peltier remains in prison because he refuses to lie, to grovel, to denounce his beliefs. Federal penitentiaries are holding pens for civil rights activists.

Leonard Peltier is the very symbol of Indigenous genocide and colonial tyranny and oppression.

Leonard Peltier is also a man who is tired and wants to go home to his family.

He does have a parole date coming up.

It is time to come together and fight for this man's life and SHOW him we are here.

We need you, the people, to hold our government accountable. Your representatives swore an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States. They are defiling that oath by looking the other way while a small group of powerful people continue to hold Leonard Peltier as their sacrifice.

You have more power than you know. If they hear from enough of us, they will listen.

Our government has repeatedly admitted that they have no proof Leonard Peltier committed any crime and that they do not know who shot the agents. The Director of the FBI is *again* taking the position that Leonard is a "cold-blooded murderer" – a blatant fabrication that has been thoroughly disproven.

If you do not live in the United States, let our government know that you are watching and that our government's reckless disregard for human rights and Constitutional law shows obvious United States governmental corruption.

You can easily contact President Biden and Attorney General Merrick Garland by going to www.freeleonardpeltiernow.org and using our Action Network.

THE TIME IS NOW. Contact Biden, the Attorney General, and your representatives from the Senate and Congress. Leonard has said it will take a mass public outcry to get him out. Please, RAISE YOUR VOICE. Below are talking points and a sample letter. Use what you like. Use your own words. Now is the time to say something. To EVERYONE. They are not discussing Leonard Peltier in Congress or the Senate. Let us change that. Please take a few seconds or a few minutes to chime in. Leonard needs us. Leonard Peltier must become a household name.

TALKING POINTS

“The mission of the Department of Justice (DOJ) is to uphold the rule of law, to keep our country safe, and to protect civil rights.”

It is time to acknowledge what we all know to be true: Mr. Peltier’s trial and incarceration have nothing to do with the rule of law. Keeping him incarcerated has nothing to do with keeping the country safe. Furthermore, his civil rights have been gravely breached.

Mr. Peltier’s case is the very definition of arbitrary detention: fabricated evidence; coerced, recanted testimony; violation of International Treaty Law.

In 2021, Mr. Peltier’s prosecutorial supervisor, former State Attorney James Reynolds, admitted that no crimes on the reservation could be attributed to Mr. Peltier.

James Reynolds stated, “We were not able to prove that Mr. Peltier himself committed any offense on the Pine Ridge Reservation.”

Regional FBI Director Don Edwards stated the following:

"The FBI used Mr. Peltier as a scapegoat and they continue to do so today. At every step of the way, FBI agents and leadership have opposed any admission of

wrongdoing by the government, and they have sought to misrepresent and politicize the meaning of clemency for Leonard Peltier. The killing of FBI agents at Pine Ridge was reprehensible, but the government now admits that it cannot prove that Mr. Peltier killed the agents.”

Former Special Agent Coleen Rowley said that Mr. Peltier remains imprisoned due to an “FBI family vendetta.” James Reynolds, as well as several former FBI agents, said that no one has looked at the role the FBI played in that tragedy.

Mr. Peltier’s conviction was upheld through the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals solely because, as the judges stated, “We recognize that there is evidence in this record of improper conduct by some FBI agents, but we are reluctant to impute even further improprieties to them.”

The United Nations released a 17-page statement outlining the Constitutional violations, civil rights violations, and departure from the Bureau of Prison’s guidelines that have kept Mr. Peltier imprisoned for almost 48 years.

This is not about the innocence or guilt of Mr. Peltier. This is about a violation of one man's civil rights that is so grotesque, that most of our government is ashamed to look at it. But the world is watching. People care about truth and justice. Mr. Peltier’s continued incarceration is a global stain on the United States’ record on human rights. It’s time to right this egregious wrong and set him free.