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Dear _____

Critical Resistance Oakland is launching an Inside/Outside Abolitionist Reading Group to increase our engagement with our newspaper the *Abolitionist* and would like to invite you to participate. The goal of the project is to expand our understanding of the Prison Industrial Complex and its abolition, through reading, writing responses, and discussing the latest issue of the *Abolitionist*: Re-Imagining the Black Panther Party Ten Point Program (attached to this letter).

How it Works

We will send you a prompt that you can use to write a response to an article in the *Abolitionist*, which you will mail back to CR Oakland. In early July CR Oakland members and volunteers will meet to discuss what we learned from reading the latest *Abolitionist* and the responses written by imprisoned participants. One CR Oakland member or Volunteer will write you a reply to your written response and send it to you. We also hope to publish some of the written responses either online or in print and to share them with participants. This will be the completion of the first phase of the reading group. However, we will consider at this point ways to keep the group going.

If you are interested in participating please mail the attached postcard “Toward Liberation” back to CR Oakland as soon as possible and we will send you further instructions. If possible, respond before June 1st so that we can get you in our first round of participants.

We Look forward to learning with you!

In Solidarity,

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