

Supporters of Leonard Peltier demand ‘clemency now!’

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Indigenous political prisoner Leonard Peltier has now spent over 47 years in prison. On Jan. 28 he tested positive for COVID-19. He was immediately placed in isolation

but received no special care and was even without any drinking water for several days. After 15 days, Peltier sent an email that he had overcome the virus. But there's still concern about long-term symptoms arising.

Recently a press conference was held in Tampa, Florida, about a mile from Coleman, the federal prison where Peltier is held. This brought significant media attention to his case, including NBC, CBS, and Democracy Now. There were interviews with one of his lawyers, former judge Kevin Sharp.

Two key senators, Brian Schwyz, (D-HI) head of the Indian Affairs Committee, and Patrick Leahy (D-VT), openly requested President Biden to grant immediate clemency.

Peltier's current campaign includes [a petition to sign and share](#) asking for clemency now. Readers can also call the White House at (202) 456-1111 to tell President Biden that Leonard Peltier deserves immediate clemency. [Donations are needed](#) to fund the freedom campaign.

Bring Leonard home to Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota now!

