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To: All Incarcerated Individuals
From:  Donald Holbrook, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Prisons – East Division
Subject: Temporary Televisions for Medical Isolation and Quarantine Individuals

While the omicron variant is showing signs of slowing, we are still experiencing high case counts in many of our facilities. Most remain on highly restricted movement, due to the number of individuals in our care and custody in medical isolation or quarantine.

We've begun to roll out the additional comfort measures authorized by Secretary Cheryl Strange and funded by the Incarcerated Individual Betterment Fund (IIBF). Late last week during her visit to the Monroe Corrections Center (MCC), she learned firsthand about the numbers of incarcerated individuals on quarantine or medical isolation status who did not have access to a television in their cells.

As a result, last Thursday evening she asked me to work with a team to develop an investment plan for IIBF resources, directed towards increasing the numbers of televisions available to loan to incarcerated individuals who are unable to access dayrooms currently. I am pleased to announce that the team placed a significant television order on Monday that will be strategically deployed throughout our facilities.

These televisions will be available to those individuals under medical isolation and quarantine to ease the frustration of restricted movement due to safety measures needed to protect against COVID-19 and the current variant.

Our partners at Correctional Industries (CI) were instrumental in making this plan come together so quickly and we've been told to expect delivery within the next three weeks, barring any supply chain issues beyond our control that may impact delivery dates.

Facility Superintendents will be informed of the quantities that will be provided to them and will determine how to best deploy those resources within their facilities. These televisions will be on loan to individuals impacted by medical isolation and/or quarantine and will be rotated amongst the population for use.