



Literature Review Committee  
c/o Dean Peterson, Library Services Administrator Florida Department of Corrections  
501 South Calhoun Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2500

Re: Impoundment of *The Militant*, Vol. 84, Issue No. 30

I am writing on behalf of the News Leaders Association, a national non-profit organization that for more than 50 years has been a leader in supporting journalists and the rights of a free press.

We understand that Florida State Prison has recently impounded a single edition of *The Militant*, Vol. 84, No. 30 (publication date: Aug. 3, 2020) and that this impoundment will be appealed to the Literature Review Committee for consideration at its next meeting. We stand with organizations including ACLU, PEN America, Reporters Committee to Protect Journalists, in calling for the reversal of the impoundment, and permit Florida prisoners to receive this issue of *The Militant*.

*The Militant* has a right to publish factual information, and Florida prisoners have a right to access the information. The impoundment infringes on the First Amendment rights of both *The Militant* and its incarcerated readers. We urge the Literature Review Committee to reverse the decision to impound Vol. 84, Issue No. 30 of *The Militant*.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Fran Reilly  
Executive Director

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