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# FREE JOY POWELL

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## FRAMED ACTIVIST AGAINST POLICE VIOLENCE

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AS A PASTOR AND A CONSISTENT ACTIVIST AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY, VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION IN HER COMMUNITY, REV. JOY POWELL WAS WARNED BY THE ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT SHE WAS A TARGET BECAUSE OF HER SPEAKING OUT AGAINST CORRUPTION. ON MANY OCCASIONS, FROM 1995 TO 2006, REV. JOY HAD HELD RALLIES AND SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE POLICE BRUTALITY AND "POLICE JUSTIFICATIONS" IN ROCHESTER NY. IN 2006, SHE WAS ACCUSED AND CONVICTED OF 1ST DEGREE BURGLARY AND ASSAULT. JOY IS SURE THE PROSECUTION WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED BASED ON HER ACTIVISM THROUGH HER ORGANIZATION, EQUALITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. AN ALL-WHITE JURY TRIED HER; THE STATE PROVIDED NO EVIDENCE AND NO EYEWITNESSES. REV. JOY WAS NOT ALLOWED TO DISCUSS HER ACTIVISM OR SAY THAT SHE WAS A PASTOR. THE PERSON THAT TESTIFIED FOR HER WAS NOT ALLOWED TO TELL THE COURT THAT HE KNEW REV. JOY THROUGH THEIR ACTIVIST WORK AND THE CHURCH. FURTHERMORE, JUDGE FRANCIS AFFRONTI PROMISED HE WAS GOING TO GIVE HER A HARSH SENTENCE BECAUSE HE WAS BIASED AGAINST HER. WHILE SERVING A 16-YEAR SENTENCE FOR THE CONVICTION, A COLD MURDER CASE WAS PINNED ON HER. THE TRIAL WAS FRAUGHT WITH MISCONDUCT, YET SHE WAS CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS TO LIFE. SHE IS CURRENTLY SEEKING COUNSEL TO FILE AN APPEAL.



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# SEND MAIL TO JOY

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REVEREND JOY POWELL 07G0632  
BEDFORD HILLS CORRECTIONAL  
FACILITY  
P.O. BOX 1000  
BEDFORD HILLS, NY 10507-2499

LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO JOY ARE  
STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. LET HER KNOW  
THAT SHE'S NOT ALONE IN THE  
STRUGGLE FOR EQUALITY & JUSTICE!

You can also email Joy through the  
JPay website or app. Just enter NY  
and her ID number to begin.  
Commissary money for personal items  
can be sent directly to Joy using  
JPay.

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