We do not have cell phone footage of abuses inside prisons and jails. I am reading the following sworn testimony from a person held in the Prince George’s County Jail to lift this veil of secrecy and hold our justice system accountable. This testimony was taken in April 2020.

I have heard many people coughing on the unit and some people have been vomiting. When this happens, the person gets taken away, I am assuming they go to the Med unit.

Things at the jail are very tense. Everyone seems on edge. There are very limited recreational time because the schedule is tight with testing temperatures. No one leaves the unit unless they are taken to the medical unit.

While I have been told to socially distance from others, there are 50 to 55 people in my unit, and I was not able to maintain an adequate distance during the whole time I’ve been here.

I have asthma, and I am extremely worried about my exposure in the jail. I realize I am in a vulnerable population, and at heightened risk of serious illness from Covid-19.