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Many think that because FCI Dublin closed that the women are better off and that's far from the truth. We all know how horrible transport was and still is for majority of the women who weren't transferred to an actual prison like Carswell, Waseca, and Aliceville, those women who weren't so lucky ended up in Federal Detention Centers like Miami and Philly. This is across the country for an abundance of inmates. These places are just as worse off as Dublin. Retaliation is a real thing for us prisoners. Although we may have not been involved in a PREA investigation, we are collateral damage because of the situation. We have been subject to mental, emotional, and verbal abuse because we were housed in Dublin. Comments from male staff such as "let me not breathe too hard or yall may put a Prea on me. The captain at FDC Miami made a statement that " he would not go check out the workout equipment to assess what was needed because there where no cameras in the area. The abuse isn't only coming from the staff, we are also receiving it from the inmates house at these facilities. Being an inmate of FCI Dublin has definitely made all of us a target to such harsh treatments. As inmates we no longer feel safe in any prison environment, Although the system is designed to protect and keep us safe, we strongly disagree. Currently we are living our lives dealing with more anxiety, stress, and depression than we did when we were waiting to be sentenced. The trust we started off with when we started our sentences had diminished drastically. Our children, loved ones along side us inmates are suffering. Therefore we feel some drastic changes need to be made for compassionate release, home confinement, and halfway house due to the traumatic transformation that we've endured due to the FCI Dublin Shutdown.