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Signs created by Katal members and families of people incarcerated in CT jails and prisons plastered onto the gates of Gov. Lamont's mansion..

This week, family members of incarcerated individuals and Katal members gathered outside Governor Lamont's mansion for a silent protest, placing signs on the gates calling for the immediate release of people from Connecticut jails and prisons due to COVID-19. Lamont has failed to take action to protect the lives of incarcerated people in the face of COVID-19, and has refused to meet with family members of incarcerated loved ones to discuss a plan to protect incarcerated people during the pandemic.

Katal members hold up signs demanding immediate action from Gov. Lamont, after being asked by his staff to leave the driveway of his mansion.

As of today, 526 incarcerated people and 366 Department of Corrections staff have tested positive for the coronavirus, and the number of positive COVID-19 cases is growing in jails and prisons across the state. Lamont's continued inaction in the midst of this public health crisis will result in more preventable deaths if he does not implement a meaningful plan to decarcerate the state to address this crisis.

Read our press release and check out our twitter thread to see pictures and videos from Tuesday's protest!