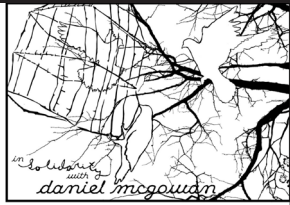


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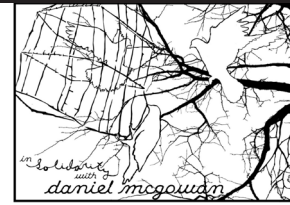
Daniel's loyalty and generosity has made him a much-loved member of his community. Daniel is well respected for his dedication to important projects like the mobilization against the Republican National Convention in 2004 and counter-military recruitment. He loved organizing "Really Really Free Markets" in his neighborhood, and for many years he was a source of enduring support for political prisoners, including Jeff "Free" Luers. At the time of arrest, Daniel was completing a Master's degree in acupuncture and was working at WomensLaw.org, a nonprofit that helps survivors of domestic violence navigate the legal system.

Daniel McGowan's arrest came in the context of a well coordinated, multi-state sweep by the Federal government of over 15 activists involved in environmental defense work. This sweep is part of a more broad repression that has been dubbed the 'Green Scare' because those arrested have been labeled 'terrorists' and threatened with life in prison despite the fact that no one was injured by any of their actions. In court, this label was transformed into a legal status when 7 out of 10 defendants were given a "terrorist enhancement," permanently branding them as 'terrorists' even though they never have and never would injure anyone.

Daniel was recently moved to the Communication Management Unit housed within the U.S. Penitentiary in Marion, Illinois. The CMU in Marion is the second known CMU in the U.S. prison system. The CMU's were created to house "terrorist" prisoners and they severely restrict inmates' ability to communicate with family, friends, and others on the outside. Daniel is now only allowed a single 15-minute phone call each week and four hours a month of visiting, which take place behind glass.

Daniel needs your support now more than ever. Because of his limited phone time and visits, letters are the main source of contact with and support from the outside. His legal expenses have also increased, and donations continue to be appreciated. You can also help Daniel by organizing events or just handing out flyers to get the word out about his case. Check out [supportdaniel.org](http://supportdaniel.org) for more ideas and ways to help!

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