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### **Inmates officially end hunger strike at Utah State Prison**

As of noon today, all 42 inmates have voluntarily agreed to end their hunger strike at the Utah State Prison and have accepted meal trays.

The inmates, all documented gang members housed in Uinta 2, began their hunger strike on July 31. The inmates gave the Department a letter that listed six demands, including release of five gang leaders from a different maximum-security unit.

Most of the inmates' demands focused on issues the Department has been working on for months — which UDC had communicated to the inmates as well as several advocacy groups prior to the hunger strike. That work will continue, with the goal of implementing changes in restrictive housing operations as soon as possible while upholding the safety and security of the institution.

We are grateful for the professional manner in which our officers and medical staff responded to this challenging situation.

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