

Letter from Ellsworth Kelley's mother December 7, 1926

Department of Corrections Records, inmate case file for Ellsworth Kelley #8663 (original document starts on page 2)

Portland Oregon Dec 7, 1926 Dear Mr Lewis Warden State Institution Dear Sir

I visited my dear boy today and with many added heart aches – I see he is very ill Yes he surely is he has a rupture that gives him great pain (I did not know of until today) It is enough (isn't it) that he should be cooped in all this long long time and feel as well as is possible under the circumstances but to be suffering outside of that please see that he gets medical

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aid and have the physician give him a thorough examination please – do that for me. I have tried to be so brave but when I saw him to day it nearly finished me. I know he is moody sometimes but a mother can tell when it is real. I am sure I can I don't think any one knows what it call means to a mother for I feel that I (as a mother) have failed absolutely to bring happiness to that thing I love better than my life – my son- (not failed through any wrong doing) but misunderstanding Mr Lewis you have been very kind [Page 3]

in so far as you could be and in the strength of that I ask you – I beg of you see that Ellsworth gets the examination at once and let me know if you will and did.

I am thanking you in advance and shall eagerly watch for the postman for a word from you Truly

Mrs Estella B Kelley

1244 Kirby St Portland Ore

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