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Dear NPR WFYI,

Thank you for featuring me and for bringing attention to my work. I am very grateful for the opportunity, your ears, your eyes, your time, your interest, your insights.

There is no main canvas.
Ariana Reines is not the cornerstone of these works.
I used 4 colors and other colors came out.

Please do not call my work art therapy.
Please do not call my writing journaling.
Please do not attribute my cultural understanding to a later in life brain injury.

I write to inform you that
I have earned the right to be called an artist.
I have earned the right for my work to be called art.

I have earned the right to be called a writer.
I have earned the right for my writing to be called writing.

I have earned the right to say I am decolonized.
I have earned the right to make conceptual art.

Thank you to Adrian Piper who came before me and for her words.
Thank you Aaron Flint Jamison for calling my attention to the work of Adrian Piper.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Larissa Hammond