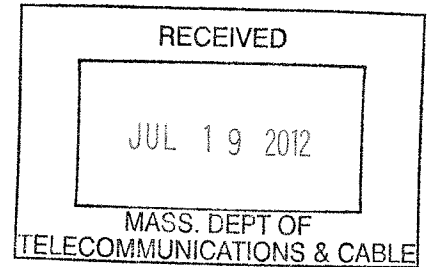


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RE: D.T.C. 11-16, Petition Challenging Prison
TELEPHONE RATES & QUALITY OF SERVICES.

Dear Att. Matos ;

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 27-2012. Please note that I have writing my report on my web-site, something that was requested from our services at (M.I.T.D.). See attachment. www.betweenthebars.org/blog/350/



Phones calls to our love ones are indeed a very essential way to maintain family ties ; in particular when we don't have regular visits and our family is out of state or too far away for visiting.

We are pushed to pay for debit card accounts, because cellular phones do not take collect calls. Another problem is with the regional where you are calling ; If another phone company has a contract for that regional area, the price is higher and unbearable.

It is a very sad situation when family voices and elements become banished within the prison life style, a subculture within the culture. I personally don't get many visits, so phone calls are the only avenue to keep in touch with my family.

PRIOR FAILURES OF CORRECTIONS IN CORRECTING SYSTEMATIC PROBLEMS ON ELECTION YEARS

Massachusetts is very unique when dealing with economic Justice in Correctional Facilities, greed and arrogance play a major role in a system of Government that has serious and egregious moral problems. When we have State or Federal Election we have a tradition of finger pointing that ends in the use of the prison system as a punching bag.

Prison Reform Advocates suffer a setback every time they are close to accomplish something, suddenly something happens and the state politicians pull the strings with victims advocates, resulting in a major media FRENZY that ends in more laws in top of prior laws. Mass-Punishment is also taking place when a crime is committed by a person on Parole or by an exconvicts, most recently a policeman got killed and the entire legal system that deals with parole and sentencing laws got revamped all over again as a tool to punish every incarcerated person convicted of a crime.

CONCLUSION

Cost of living inside the prison is constantly increasing, private companies have taken over and the food has deteriorated. Appliances, canteen items, clothing and phones have been the target of agencies gouging prices by competing companies who finally obtain the state contract and share profits with the state as a form of kick-backs?

The Massachusetts Prison System does not have enough jobs for their prisoners and the wages never increase at all, those who are new arrival have their accounts frozen as a result of many court fees being imposed at sentencing, another way of punishment.

While on the other hand, the Better Business Bureau does not take prisoners complaints because we are a third party customer. The Dept. of Correction has the sole power to do so, because is the one who signed the contract.

Therefore the D.D.C. does not have any complaints against because they benefit from the business transactions. Attorney Matos, without any question, the Mass. prison system with more than 26,000 prisoners in state and County custody represent a multi-million dollars business controlled by many powerful interest group who can also control the media and the news connected to the prison system.

Maybe if we had family and friends associated with the Lt. Governor we would have good jobs, making extra money and we would have no complaints at all. I'm hoping that this letter would exploit the entire issue of concern, the Phone System is one of the component of the complex problems that we have.

— Yours truly,

 Luis Perez
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