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Year after year we who are incarcerated face the same issues. I have been to several facilities throughout my time confined to these buildings. It appears medical attention is at the forefront of the list of things least prioritized. I speak from experience. As I write now it's almost nine months since I have been placed on the list to see a doctor about an old wound I sustained to the head that suddenly became inflamed and swollen. You write about your health issues and receive no response, because personnel don't want their names attached to anything that might become possible lawsuits upon filing the grievance process. Who are we kidding. You all know what's going on / know where the taxpayers' money is going.

You know the majority of the meals are slop based and lack true nutrition and are slowly killing us, from the mass infusion of soy byproduct used to fluff the meals. You know we don't get enough out of the cell time or movement in level two and three facilities that are supposed to be gearing up so called reformed individuals back to your communities.

Who are we kidding. We know about the carve outs. Lack of programming for long sentenced individuals placed on back burners because either your crime or length of confinement exclude you from reentry programs or reformation programming. Let's make it make sense and stop pretending we do not know what your money is going to.

The small strides we have made are truly a slap in the face to prison reform and the people pushing to implement true change. It starts here inside the prison walls. I'm in a dorm with eighty plus men who lay around, and entertain criminality because the place you are investing your time and money is being misappropriated to vehicles and cameras instead of truly trying to improve conditions to damaged people who need help.

Medical, meals, programming and moving bodies should be taken seriously. Change is a fire that purges ailments that cripple a society and brings forth prosperity and longevity.

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