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Testimony:

The issues below are issues that always fall through the cracks and don't really get the attention that it should.

Lack of programming

Lack of respect to prisoners

Lack of communication with prisoners

Prolonged medical care

Lack of incentives for prison population

Lack of safety due to prison officials bringing in personal electronics that are forbidden into facility (phones, smart watch)

Lack of nutritional daily value

Lack of response to request forms

Lack of receiving state issued clothing every six (6) months.

To expand on two of these:

The lack of medical care in here is almost nonexistent. There should be no reason why a maximum prison runs slow and prolongs medical care until there is no option but to go on a hunger strike and hurt your body to the point where now you have multiple medical issues instead of just the one that they neglected to remedy to begin with!

Lack of programming to prisoners. Majority of programming is federally funded. There should be no reason why a prisoner should have to wait 120 days until he can reapply for a program that he was already a part of. The funding was already given for that prisoner's participation and for some reason the D.O.C. double dips on this. There is also this thing where in level 4 prison and people like us with big time is not allowed into programs because there is level 3-2 in the prison and they are prioritized before us which is not fair to people like myself and others that are pro actively trying to rehabilitate ourselves.

Also for vocational classes they last too long. A program that should be done in 4 months lasts 18 months to 5 years. talking about getting over on the system.