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To whom,

Prior to being ran through our justice system then being an inmate in the DOC, I, like most good citizens, believed our system to be fair and adequate. Experience has taught me that not to be the case and the public needs to be informed so. Reason being, far to many of the publics tax dollars are wasted when money should be wisely used. The main problem is over crowded prisons that waste mega millions of tax dollars. I as a tax payer am appalled by the waste I see and as an unfairly convicted, sentenced inmate am angry our justice system has failed us all and must be fixed. Some things are easily fixed others are not such as peoples perspective.

Over crowded prisons: I have seen far to many people in prison who should NOT. I. There are far to many innocent AND over prosecuted. 2. The 85% parole ineligibility law has failed to do what was intended AND cost the tax payers billions. Of these two reasons the second is easiest to fix. To fix issue one requires that our prosecutors, judges and law enforcement look for the good in people. Before convicting, the sentencing, the question: Can this person contribute to society, should be answered. If yes, then proper arraignments should be made to both punish and allow said person to contribute. Better to be a tax payer

than an \$80,000 tax burden, per year. Issue Two, the 85% law, does unnecessary things to waste money all related to over crowded prisons. It ties the hands of the parole boards and causes DOC funds not to be used to rehabilitate inmates properly. An interesting over crowding question is: Why does it cost \$80,000 per year to keep 1 inmate? The most I ever made a year was forty and I own my house, farm and live well.

Truly,
William Lipe