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Re: KEEFE COMMISSARY CORP. / CONTRACT VIOLATIONS

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please consider this my formal request for an investigation into the Keefe Commissary Corp., who is the contractual vender for the prisoners of the Massachusetts Department of Correction, for what I portray are serious contract violations/instances of fraud.

Keefe Commissary (hereafter=Keefe) recently raised their prices for the goods and food itmes they sell to Massachusetts prisoners. Their contract with the Commonwealth (in which I have "third party standing") only allows them to raise their prices by a certain percentage, (I believe it is 17%) over their purchase cost. Some of the recent increases are so dramatic that I do not believe that Keefe's costs could have gone up by so much. It also must be noted that Keefe refuses to provide copies of their purchase invoices, listing the purchase prices, so that we can ascertain if they are in compliance with the vendor contract.

Further, it appears that Keefe is engaging in "deceptive business practices" by purchasing products from their own subsidiary in order to allow them to make more profit that the contractual increase percenttage would allow. They buy a product from an independent company through their subsidiary for pennies. The subsidiary sells it to the parent company (Keefe), which is at an extremely inflated rate, then Keefe sells it to the prisoners of Massachusetts ay a 17% additional profit. The real (hidden) purchase price is what the subsidiary purchased the product for, NOT the inflated price Keefe claims to have paid. This is fraud.

As such I ask that you conduct a formal investigation into this serious matter. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,



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