

They say that the prison system is pulling down the economy. That the Federal prison system is going broke. Even the director of the B.O.P is saying that something has to change? Well what is going to change? They pass these "new" laws that are suppose to help, but some of the requirements to get to use these new laws are so far out of reach that its a waste of a law. I believe in 2009-2010 they made the Second Chance act you can get up to a year in ~~prison~~ <sup>the half</sup> way house. Well here's the thing in order to get the year you have to be going somewhere where you know anyone. You even know one person and you'll be denied. I know that I'll have served an 18 year sentence. I was 26 yrs old when I came in I'll be 38 when I leave with a stigma over my head but in stead of doing all they can to make sure we get a chance to become proper citizens again they would rather just watch those of us that it would be hardest on flop like a fish out of water.

We are so quick to want to help everyone else, but when it comes to our own people our veterans, prisoners that really want to change, our homeless who are down on there luck maybe need a hand and not to be kicked when they are down. what do we do? we change laws like the conspiracy law. It takes one person to walk into a police station and wavy you sold me drugs and bam. you now have 20 years. The federal government tells you if you take it to trial you could end up with life. so you better take the deal. so you do. maybe you get caught buying drugs because you are an addict. just buying personal use amount not to resell but just to use. what do you believe they should do? I believe people like that need treatment not 5 years in prison. we need to look back into our justice system and look at what works what doesn't and honestly try and rehabilitate not just lock some one up for 5 years then let them out and expect them to be changed!