

The Prison Commissary

Prisoners all throughout the Massachusetts institutional mindset are being charged exorbitant prices for second rate clothing and appliances violating a lot of the Consumer Regulations.

Prisoners commissaries don't have any "regulatory committee" to make sure that inmates are not being subjected to price gouging or being overpriced by the Prison Commissary Network.

A good example of this, is that the prices for canteen items such as food and cosmetics are constantly being raised every five to six months without inmates ever being informed.

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and after said items have been purchased. and it is always the canteen items mostly used and affordable for an inmate to purchase; that are the items, that the prices goes up on.

Prisoners money is also taken out from their accounts in advance for:

Clothing
Appliances
Religious items

Prisoners can end up waiting anywhere's from three to five months for their order to be delivered to them. and although prisoners can file verbal grievances to various Administrative

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Officials at what is called a
"Happy Hour"....

Where prisoners are allowed, three
times a week to have direct
access to and with the prison
officials.

In the presence of or with
the Superintendent, Director of
Classification, Parole Officer, Property
Officer, Records Department, Health
Service Administrator, Disciplinary
Officer, Director of Operations,
Mailroom Officer, & Director of Security.

The problem with this type of
direct contact, is that the ex-
pedient process and prisoners
concerns/inquiries are intersticed.
[swept under a rug; with a smile]

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So in essence it's a ridiculous representation to further ridicule a prisoner in a delicately skillful; yet not obvious way... that is not challenged by the prison population, when it should be. Because very few issues; if any, are ever resolved at a "Happy Hour".

There's a need for some type of legislation, that not only needs to be "passed" but also to halt the price gouging that the Keefe Commissary Network gets away with, and the kickbacks that someone must be receiving under the table from Keefe.

The prison commissary, does not provide anything to the inmate population's recreational activities

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now to, the few inmate programs
that exist in the prison facilities.
and if they have made any
type of a contribution... then
that money has been misappropriated
With numerous funds
also allocated by the State House
for inmate programming.

Should there be a State and
Federal Investigation into the
practices of the: Subcontractors,
Department of Correction Officials,
and the Keeffe Commissary Network, ...?

by all means "yes!!"

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