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FORM LETTER
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Legal Mail

Re: PRICE-GOUGING - KEEFE COMMISSARY CORP. / DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

Dear Attorney General Coakley:

I am a tax paying citizen of the Commonwealth who has a connection to someone who is held in the Massachusetts state prison system. I am being subjected to "price-gouging" by the contractual goods and services provider for the department of correction: Keefe Commissary Corp.

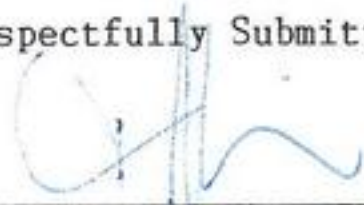
As you are aware prisoners in the Commonwealth are not supplied with all their daily needs while held in the state prison system. Family and friends must pay for toothpaste, deodorant, razors, and other cosmetics, as well as for postage and stationary. We are being subjected to high prices for these items and others, but now are being "price-gouged" when it comes to MP3 players and downloaded music Keefe will be offering. The department calls these "luxury" or "comfort" items, but as your office is aware in order for a prisoner to once again become a productive member of society he/she must be exposed to the rehabilitative education of arts, sciences, culture and worldliness that these media devices afford. I must offer that they are not luxury/comfort items but are rehabilitative tools used to promote public safety. The department and Keefe want to charge us 3 to 4 times the normal cost of an MP3 player and twice the cost of downloaded music for those we support. This is an unsanctioned and illegal tax upon persons such as myself. Your office must correct this.

As such I ask that you instruct your Consumer Affairs Division to look into the price-gouging that is being visited upon us by Keefe Commissary Corp., and which is fully sanctioned by the Massachusetts Department of Correction.

Thank you for your time and anticipated swift intervention in this serious matter. Please let me know if there is any other information you require from me?

Respectfully Submitted,

X


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