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Subject: TO THE WISCONSIN GOVERNOR

To the Honorable Governor Tony Ever,

Your honor, I want to congratulate you on your victory for the 2022 elections. I also want to remind you of your campaign promises to a great part of your constituency (the African-American community). By the time you receive, or read this letter the Internet's denizens will have read this, twice over, more than you have. I intended it to be so, to keep you and your team transparent to the mass of black, brown, red peoples who have trekked for you, and commiserated with you; some of them were even in prison, and you have not responded to none of their concerns. Are you still a democrat, or going rogue?

I remembered your speeches in the campaign trail, which filled us (prisoners) and our families, and friends with hope. You did talk a lot about prisons and prisoners, and how you would reform prison. And a lot of people did not think that you were going to win. But we have surprised them all; I say "We" because we did help, as little as it were, believe me, we've helped to get you where you're at. It takes a million of little pennies to make ten thousands. This proverbial saying has spelled it all!

You were this humble school superintendent, who we cheered for and knowing that you were a democrat gave us the courage to scream louder for you, and even helped us to dream bigger, because everyone on the planet USA knows that Democrats help the poor more than the rest of them. There's another cohort of politicians who will never help us prisoners in any way form or fashion, even though Jesus and others in the bible said it ('don't forget the prisoners...'), and they claim to be Christians!

#### JUSTICE

Now, you are on your second term. I represent the rest of the entire Wisconsin prison population. For the sake of Justice I could ask why you haven't fixed the Criminal Justice System in Wisconsin. I believe you can fix the Wisconsin Justice System through the Wisconsin Justice Department, there are numerous convictions that are flawed, and need redress, by executive orders to fix these flaws, for instance convictions that didn't get a fair shake because of the lack-of-funding in the Public Defender Office, under ch 977, (imagine someone enters the home of another while he/she blacked-out) There is no other redress than gubernatorial redress. There are also the juvenile convictions that deserve a second look, Pennsylvania is doing it, through the Philadelphia's District Attorney's office. The United States Supreme Court has already found in a cluster of cases, that juveniles' "frontal lobe" section of their brains are not fully developed, and that's a new scientific factor enough to resentence many juvenile criminals in the system, a lot of those individuals have grown and are different characters now. Your Attorney General Josh Kaul can put these in motion, in the interest of Justice!

#### PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

The Public Defender Office's policies are worse now, than when I was a Pretrial defendant (I was denied the mobilization of a psychiatrist to help my defense because of the lack-of-funding, have blacked-out while the crime was committed). People are sitting in the county jails without representation to protect their rights on their pretrial phases, because of the lack-of-funding.

And 90% of these are coming to "Prison", existing prisons that are already overcrowded. Peoples are stacked like sardines. For instance at Redgranite Correctional Institution, a bus arrived from Dodge Correctional Institution every Wednesday; RGCI is already a compacted prison. It is roughly 2 acres of property housing 1005 prisoners, there's no room to do anything and completely devoid of privacy. The bed that I sleep on is a 2½ feet distance from the mattress to the steel-top, that causes my head to hit the top many times, a real tomb, creating an atmosphere fertile for high anxiety. That's another story by itself.

#### TRUTH-IN-SENTENCING

There are rumors that the republicans want to talk about medical marijuana, because they want to get the tax money from the marijuana sale; I believe that this is the best time for democrats to start bringing what they want to the table of negotiation. Democrats in the Wisconsin state legislature are few. It is time for democrats to stand their ground.

Democrats have wanted for a while to change TRUTH-IN-SENTENCING.

This is the time. The Wisconsin Senate Leader Robin Voss wants to sit down with Democrats about medical marijuana, they want this, and democrats want a lot. Time to negotiate.

#### CANTEEN AND PROPERTY IN PRISON

Recently, we received a memo dated January 26, 2023, issued by Wendy Monfils, stating that price changes according to contract (according to Wisconsin Department Of Correction contract with Union Supply there should be two price increases per year), but what is detrimental to us these price increases are happening like two months apart, example (Revised 10/15/21-Revised 5/1/22-Revised 11/20/22-Revised 1/21/23), the last two revisions were only two months apart. In addition the vendor uses tactics such as no previous "OUT OF ORDER" Notices to woo us to buy more on the next weekly purchase, meaning if we order items on week-one, the items would be available at order time, but on week-two when we were supposed to receive our canteen, the order receipts would print "Items Out of order"! Then, the following week we'll order the same items. Union Supply canteen were out rice from China for about 3 months, then ran out of noodles for another month or more. One month or more after raised the price of everything needed to make a meal to an average of 40% or more

For instance (ramen noodles and rice the staple of poor people) we prisoners are people who are at the bottom of the barrel poor. We eat noodles when we can't eat nothing else, noodles aren't supposed to be that expensive. Some people can only afford noodles. Remember poverty and crime are related; Thus, the criminal, as much one may loath him or her, one has to admit that most criminals are poor.

So to explain this better, let me ask: where in the United States of America, that a produce vendor like Woodman, Pigly-Wiggly, Quillins

Winn-Dixie, Publix would be running out of noodles and rice? The items that the vendor sells more of, and will always sell, a staple for the poor, why can't I purchase a case of noodles cheap? Why? There have to be another reason, not because there were no rice or noodles in the United States of America.

There is another reason! And the Wisconsin Department of Corrections is not helping; rather they encourage it more. The question that really is begging to be ask is: why is a Wisconsin Cabinet Department of your administration doing buying grocery from California? And the



grocery (canteen) for Wisconsin inmates, and catalog mail order both fall under the Wisconsin Statutes ch 100, specifically § 100.30 "Unfair Sales Act". Union Supply Direct has taken more than a month to deliver our catalog mail orders. A mail-order starts when the vendor is said to be paid by the business office, 30 days from that date the items ordered shall be in the buyer's hand, not the Wisconsin Department of Corrections warehouse, every time Union Supply sent the items ordered, and Wisconsin Department of Corrections warehouse, or property hold on to the items they both break Wisconsin laws, ch 100, §100.74. See our business office and Union Supply has been screwing with us prisoners and our families for a while, our properties have been sitting in the warehouse for weeks and months, and the department of commerce does not know about it, because the warehouse workers refused to deliver our orders, violating that above law!

Union Supply has raised the price of ramen noodles twice or more before the coronavirus, and continued to raise the prices after the pandemic, although the price of rice from China is still on the plateau, \$.95 for 8 oz. It's cheaper to buy a 8 oz. bag of precooked-rice from China than to buy 2 (3 oz. ramen noodles) made in America, that's staggeringly strange economics.

Something is wrong with this picture.

Then, the DAI would start a fundraising to get more money out of our pockets, and our families pockets, instead of putting the very items of the fundraising on our regular canteen! The prices of items in fundraising are exorbitantly high. And we're never told what the fundraising is for.

Is it because the WDOC is empowering Union Supply to do this, to stop poor Wisconsinites prisoners to buy American made noodles, but to buy Chinese made rice; besides, noodles should cost that much, to begin with! The price of noodles have jumped from \$.34 in 2019 to \$.66, that's a 51% plus increase, including a lot of products like sugar, Louisiana hot sauce from \$.65 in 2022 to \$1.65 to in 2023, that's 130% plus increase! There are other products too numerous for me to mention. I will let your team investigate and see for themselves, and for you, to see what were going through.

Is there a produce company in Wisconsin who can provide noodles and rice cheaper? Yes, there is; if not the Wisconsin Department of Corrections can buy the produce and sell it to us at a cheaper price, and make a profit, like the department of Corrections used to do in the old days. Or the Wisconsin Department of Corrections can give us prisoners another alternative, to buy canteen from, because Union Supply canteen is worse than Keefe's canteen.

#### COMPLAINTS

As far as complaints, there is a three tier system for complaints in prison, the Inmate Complaint Investigation; the Reviewing Authority; and the Corrections Complaints Examiner; and a "Chain Of Command" that precedes these three. If the complaint is not resolved in the chain of command before it gets to the three tier system something is wrong; either because staff are inattentive or careless, or no oversight. There is no reason in the world why a problem is not resolved after you've contacted 3 individuals including a supervisor in the WDOC, unless a constitutional damage is already done, because we're told that the administrative code 310 is there exactly to resolve, redress, and restore.

A supervisor who does nothing to resolve, redress, or restore the basis of a complaint should be held accountable. Any supervisor should act as a relentless representative of the WDOC at any complaint, not being the friend of the oppressor. There should be, in the least, another level

of supervisory board whose not associated with the local staff, and even remove the ineffective local supervisor who does nothing to resolve an inmate complaint, unless a constitutional damage is already done. One may say that the CCE in Madison is there just for that. But the CCE usually agree with the local complaint investigator 90% of the times. And the other 10% of the times, if they have agreed with the inmate, it is because there is no basis for a lawsuit, or the oppressor has had numerous complaints on the same issue. The Reviewing Authority and the inmate complaint investigator are the same entity, in every DAI institution.

That's why the complaint system does not work; since Madison CCE always agree with the local supervisor, including the ICI who never does anything to repel the staff oppressor. Otherwise, the infrastructure of the complaint system is decent, could be better, and frustration enters when the complainer communicate with a string of local individuals, and nothing is done.

#### ELDERLY PRISONERS

The health care providers in RGCI loves to throw around the word "OLD", I, the writer of this letter, am 57 years young was told that my condition was because I was old. The pain in my shoulder, my irritable bowel syndrome, etc., yet I know that I am physically strong, and that my shoulder pain was caused by a vaccine injury, my IBS is due to years of eating soybeans, "NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION"! Dr. Labby refused to renew my pain meds, she knows it, why? The dentist at RGCI told me that I didn't deserve health care, and that "PEOPLES" in the street doesn't get the health care that I have. This monstrous person even told me that: the Wisconsin legislature did not want me to get nothing except to extract my teeth; on two occasions I had abscesses, I was not given antibiotics. The last time my left third molar didn't need extraction, because the roots were so deep, but the pain was extreme. The dentist injected the anesthetic and tried with all his strength to pull the tooth out, it got to the point when I even tapped his forearm to stop, I couldn't speak; he didn't stop. He took a saw and sawed my tooth in two pieces and removed the two pieces one at a time. I have seen other elderly prisoners get abused. One older guy in his seventies was placed in a cell with a younger inmate, the younger guy beat the older guy bloody, told him he was "stink", naturally he could take care of himself, and there were no one there to help him! Isn't time that Wisconsin Department of Corrections have a prison solely for the elderly prisoners where they shouldn't worried about abuses and retaliation?