

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in hopes that someone will take a look at this. As a taxpayer in Pennsylvania, you always hear about taxes being raised, and when you look at what it cost for taxpayers to house a prisoner in Pennsylvania \$39,000 a year.

How would you feel if I told you that prisoners in Pennsylvania spend over 30 Million Dollars a year and that it all goes out of state? We have over 50,000 prisoners in Pennsylvania. So I will use half of them; that's 25,000:

(1) Cable: If 25,000 prisoners have cable at \$17.00 a month, $25,000 \times \$17.00 = \$425,000$ a month $\times 12 = \$5,100,000$ a year.

(2) Commissary: If 25,000 prisoners spend \$60.00 a month, that's $25,000 \times \$60.00 = \$1,500,000$ a month $\times 12 = 18,000,000$ a year.

(3) Phone Time: If 25,000 prisoners spend \$25.00 a month on phone time that's $25,00 \times \$25.00 = \$625,000$ a month $\times 12 = \$7,500,000$ a year.

That's over 30 Million Dollars a year that goes out of Pennsylvania.

Cable and Telephone money goes to Texas.

Commissary money goes to St. Louis, Mo.

Also prisoners are allow to spend \$80.00 4 time a year to buy food from Access Securpak and that money goes to St. Louis, Mo also.

We talk about how we worried that the United State of America is sending their business to other countries when you have companies here that can do the same job. So I am asking, why not worry when the Department of Corrections does the same ? I am sure that Pennsylvania has Cable and Telephone companies that would like to have the business that we are sending out of state. Also I know that we can find a food company that can take care of all the state prisons.

If it's a question of Politics, perhaps Pennsylvania need to examine the promises of our elected officials. Is the commitment to the Lobbyist or to the Commonwealth ?

Thank You