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Your Comments or Concerns

I have a loved one that is incarcerated, and he was falsely accused and he had no representation. The judge on his case was up for re election and the district attorney was as well. And prosecutor was running for election. My son has no criminal history, served as in the Army Reserve for 8 years. He is currently at Wainwright which was at one time Eastham. The food that is served is not any kind of good nutrition, the water has all types of bacteria in it and the guards most of the time do not let them out of cell to even go to work on time. My son works everyday and is not in any trouble or

cause any trouble. He tries to make the best however when you have to go to Galveston to find out what is making you sick and your told it's the food and the water. That is sad. Most of the time they do not get to go outside for recreation time because the garden do not want to or they are short staff so they prefer to lock them up all day. Showers at least he does get those on a normal basis because he does work. However other individuals may get showers once a week sometimes less often. And most of the time they all have to watch their back because they don't know when another inmate or gaude may come in and jump them for no reason. They are not allowed to take class if they are in for certain situations. And the law library is few and far between to gather their information. And when the weather changes and it is so hot and they go without water being part and they have to lay on the floor on sheets to try and cool off and go with out showers. And the ac is not at units as well respite is not given because they always say they don't have enough staff. Blankets and jackets do get past out for winter just not everyone gets both a jacket and blanket. This is why we need a lot of changes in the prison system it is very broken with all the drugs that get in by mainly guards and staff. And inmates are dieing from the poison that the drugs are laced with. The prison needs new reform and new people to run them. Thank you for your time concerned mom.

Your Proposed Solution

To get reform and make a higher standard of guards and staff. And to create a better environment for workers and inmates. And to find the way for nutrition and safe water to be provided. And to reevaluate cases that are still pending federal appeal, and of false accusations. A large number of inmates did not get fair trails because lack of money and judges, prosecutor, and district attorneys running for office and wanted as many conversations as they could to get the votes. Change the court system make it fair representation for all people facing criminal charges.

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