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Texas Department of Criminal Justice

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Your Comments or Concerns

I write to add my voice to those asking for decent conditions in Texas prisons. As a former pen pal writing to a Texas inmate, I am aware of how insupportable the lack of air-conditioning is in the summer in the cells. It goes against principles of humanity as well as the goal of rehabilitation to

maintain conditions in prisons that are unlivable. The prisoners are already "paying their debt" by being incarcerated. Extra punishment in the form of unlivable conditions is counterproductive, inhumane, and wrong.

Your Proposed Solution

Establish a policy calling for a maximum allowable indoor temperature of 80 (or less) in prison cells. Air-condition the cells.

My Comments Will Be Made Public

Yes