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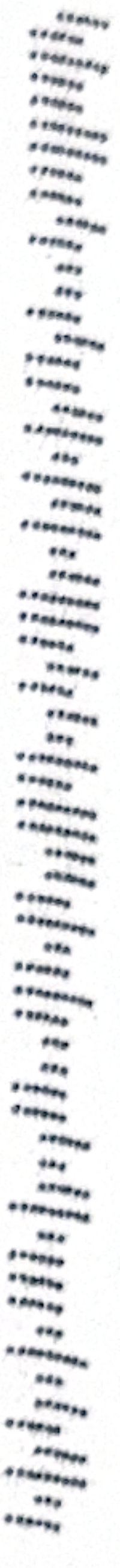
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The F.I Freedom Collective:

Hello, My name is Joseph W. Shepard (*141961). I'm an inmate at the FIDOC, housed at medium-one security. I'm writing regarding the "Free communications and Second Look legislation".

I know this is a very important bill that I'm praying is passed. Times have changed and there has been many technological advancements at the A.C.I. Which I believe is all in good faith. What hasn't changed is that we are still working at wages that haven't changed or been increased since the late 90's or early 2000's. I can not pay for anything and my quality of life is being greatly affected. I'm unable to maintain my hygiene and also pay for phone calls, e-mails, and tablet subscriptions with a monthly payment from the ACI jobs. There's also an increase in costs for all commissary items and the Keefe contract allows for price changes at any moment without notice or reason's why.

In the community when the "cost of living" is increased then state wages are increased to balance out the means to maintain a good quality of life. I respectfully request this bill be passed because it is financially smart and ensures that our quality of life meets the standard of decency. Maintaining contact with my family & support