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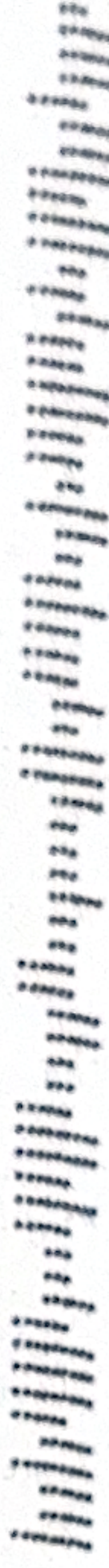
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Re: Free Communications and Second Look Legislation

Dear Legislators:

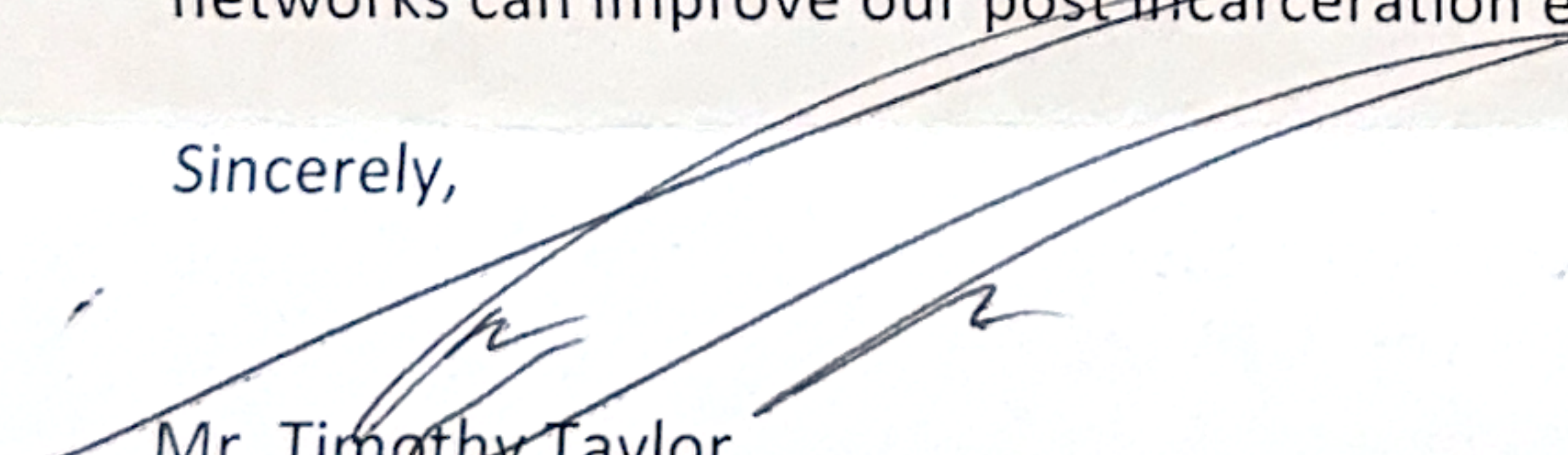
I believe free phone calls, emails, and video visits will provide the inmates with a less restricted opportunity to communicate with family and friends. In my experience, I make \$90.00 per month at \$3.00 per day, the state removes 25% of my pay \$22.50 into an "encumbered account" savings. I do not earn interest on these funds and have to wait until 2032 upon my release to access these funds.

This leaves me with a remainder of \$67.50 in which I'm supposed to meet my basic living needs such as hygienic items and simple supplemental food to offset meager prison served tray meals. I also, have to buy winter clothing and pay for my own underwear, sox's, and t-shirts. To compound my expenses, I have to pay for phone calls, emails, and video visits to communicate with my family and friends.

The current state of affairs are setup to charge inmates for services, with regular inflationary price increases. Yet, we can't keep up with our inmate pay being neutral at \$3.00 per day. Contrary to popular belief, many inmate families do not have the means to provide inmates with money to pay for these services.

I believe free phone calls, emails, and video visits will aid all inmates' mental health and rehabilitation. The ability to communicate with family, friends, and develop new social networks can improve our post-incarceration efforts to an asset to the community.

Sincerely,



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Free communications and second look legislation.

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-Write to this address and express why you feel it is important to have free phone calls, emails, and video visits. Your letter will be read to legislators when viewing the Bill.

PLEASE WRITE!!!