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DEAR MR. JESKE,

I IMAGINE THE PUBLIC'S PERCEPTION OF SLAVE LABOR IN OUR OCE PRINT SHOP COMES FROM HEARING WE MAKE AN AVERAGE OF \$125 PER MONTH. WHAT THEY DON'T REALIZE IS, WITH OUR OCE BONUS, WE MAKE DOUBLE WHAT COMMON DOC LABORERS DO.

HOWEVER, A DOC LABORER CAN ONLY WORK A HALF HOUR PER DAY TO MAKE \$50.00 PER MONTH, WHILE WE WORK SIX HOURS PER DAY FOR \$125 PER MONTH.

SINCE THE PRAS PAYMENT SYSTEM WAS CONCEIVED IN 1987 THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY COST OF LIVING INCREASES. JUST LIKE THE REAL WORLD, OUR CANTEEN PRICES CONTINUE TO SOAR.

AS FAR AS THE TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE PRINT SHOP, I HAVE SEEN 72 PEOPLE PASS THRU HERE DURING MY TENURE. A GOOD PORTION OF THOSE MEN HAVE NEVER HAD A REAL JOB IN THEIR LIFE. YES, THEY EXPERIENCE A WORK ATMOSPHERE. THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY EQUATE TO A WORK ETHIC. WHEN I WAS HIRED HERE ALL I HAD TO OFFER WAS A WORK ETHIC. OUTSIDE OF THAT I WAS DUMB AS A POST ABOUT THE PRINTING BUSINESS.

SOME OF THE MEN HAVE GONE TO WORK FOR PRINT SHOPS WHEN THEY LEFT PRISON. BUT, IN MY OPINION, THEY ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN STEVE, MICHELLE AND THEIR STAFF CAN LEAD A HORSE TO WATER, BUT THEY CAN'T MAKE IT DRINK.

I TOO HAVE HAD MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

BEFORE ENTERING PRISON. I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH THIS "TRAINING" PROGRAM. MY TURNOVER RATE WOULD BE HORRIFIC. THE WHOLE PRINT SHOP MANAGEMENT TEAM DESERVE KUDOS.

THERE IS ONE LAST COMMENT: IT BOTHERS ME THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT ON THE STREET WITH FAMILIES WHO NEED GOOD PAYING JOBS. THEY COULD BE PAYING TAXES, SAVING MONEY TO PAY FOR THEIR KIDS COLLEGE EDUCATION, OWN A HOME, ETC.

AT THIS MORNING'S SHOP MEETING STEVE RYAN SAID THERE ARE 1,500 AICs IN THE STATEWIDE OCE PROGRAM. JUST PICKING A NUMBER OF \$36 K PER YEAR X 1500 JOBS = \$54,000,000 THAT OUR "SLAVES" ARE TAKING OUT OF THE ECONOMY, NO WONDER PEOPLE WANT OCE ABOLISHED. OCE NEEDS TO CHANGE THAT PERCEPTION.

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