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Voice of the poor
AND INCARCERATED!

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Slaves of the state!"

The real luxury of prisons is not that they protect society from violent convicted felons but they create Job Security.

Today the admission of thousands of inmates yearly, functions as a well organize prison industrialize, complex system that feeds from the trough of the poor AND INCARCERATED.

The plea bargain system of Cook County and other adjoining counties acts as a legal cesspool to facilitate and stockpile prisons with new and returning bodies born out of defendants coming into the system with little or no knowledge of the Law and their basic rights.

The Jurisprudence of law states that ignorance of the Law is no excuse.

However I submit that being poor is and puts a person at a extreme disadvantage and of a certainty of being convicted or plea bargained into a prison sentence no matter of guilt or INNOCENCE.

A newly admitted defendant is whisked through the preliminary process vaguely even understandably the basic latin terms that forms the legal jargon used to convict him or her.

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I bare witness from personal experience (44 yrs) in the Criminal Justice system both Juvenile and adult that the independent state laws creates layers of obstacles and procedural hurdles for a poor and ignorant defendant, who can't afford a legitimate legal attorney, now alone and numbed by the poisons of ignorance and poverty, the newly admitted defendant is left alone with only vague knowledge of the preliminary legal process used against him or her.

Today there are twenty-eight or more prisons within the state of Illinois (Cook-County), each with a full capacity to house on the average 1500 hundred men and women. Most of which have already served at least one third or an substantial amount of their original prison sentence and is fifty years or older with a 3% recidivist ratio.

The men and women of the Illinois department of correction today are getting older and infirm and are a far threat to society than the climate and statue of criminals among society right now, in today's climate of school shootings and mass murderers, the inmates in custody now ~~are~~ look like Geriatric rehabilitated sickly old men and women in need of a final resting place—

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- opposed to continued incarceration,

Moreover society is at no substantial risk from these percentage of old and sick Geriatric inmates. The exaggerated threat of danger by the inmate-populations in prisons today are used to bolster the need to keep prisoner in prison until they die out opposed to being paroled or released.

~~I~~ I submit that keeping any inmate, prisoner etc. etc. in prison far beyond his or her dangerousness is simply enslavement and job security by the system itself and not in accordance with article ~~I~~ section XI that states the I. D. O. C. ~~I~~ is constitutionally guided to sentence and then help restore an incarcerated individual back to useful citizenship.

The notion of guilt or innocence is not the primary objective of a system that functions without adhering to its own mission statement.

~~I~~ I conclude without real reform and recognition of its own decrees the I. D. O. C. true underlined objective is simply feeding a perpetual influx of bodies coming in and out of the system so that job security can be fulfilled under the guise of public safety.