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Dear Laudable Parties,

I have taken the time to write you this proposal in hopes that you can see the reason in my request. I present to you:

### Proposal of Understanding

This proposal is designed to show the "cause" and "effect" of the removal of basic human needs that ensures the incarcerated persons health. Even though the state of North Carolina took the initiative to stop harmful products, such as smoking in public places and institutions, such as prison facilities like the one I am housed in. Prison officials still fail to produce a healthy environment from harmful items such as prison issued footwear.

If a survey were taken on the number of cancer cases and other related incidents, compared to the foot injuries and permanent foot damage from the state shoes and state boots. You will see that foot problems would win in a landslide.

Ex-governor Mike Easley allowed his administration's Secretary and Director of Prisons stop prisoners family and friends from mailing supportive footwear. He stopped prisoners from ordering shoes from prestige shoe companies such as "Eastbay". Very few prisoners suffered from foot illnesses before this change.

North Carolina prisoners have been forced to buy "low grade" footwear that last only a few months. If prisoner's don't receive money from family or friends because of administration fee's, etc., they are subject to some of the worst shoes that ever was produced by a shoemaker.

I myself suffer from damaged feet, from having to wear these shoes for ten years.

I propose that inmates be allowed to receive brand new shoes from companies that distribute catalogs advertising adequate footwear.

I trust that each one of you will see the seriousness in this proposal and consider making changes for a more "durable and safer" footwear for the incarcerated person.

Thank you.

Cordially,  
Willie Worley Jr.

