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Dear Commissioners,

On August 30, 2023 I was able to observe the meeting that you were having. The following is what I was observing.

1. I observed the state representatives at the table only listening to witness testimony with a 3 minute limit
2. There was no interaction between the witness or representatives at the table.
3. There was only "some" interaction.
4. Overall the body language was telling me that you all did not want to be there.

If you are wondering about me, I was a corrections officer from 1988 to 2003. I worked at SDCC and HDSP. I was a corrections officer. I did not seek promotion since that was more responsibility that I did not seek.

In my observation by the witness mostly from Nevada Strong that I am not a member of gave you testimony of what is going on in the prison system. Well folks, things have not changed since I was working in the Nevada Department of Prisons / Corrections.

First, when it comes to food there were times the culinary officer would stop the line and the officer would ask me my opinion on what was being served. I would look at the meal and I would say "hell no". The food stuff and portions would be way too small to feed a grown man or woman. We prevented a food riot that day. I am sure of it.

Yet at the meeting there were many stories stating the inmates/prisoners were starving off hunger pains on what was NOT being served. There is a problem. All the NDOC is going to do is simply change food contractors. How long is that going to take where then the same pattern will start all over again.

Second, then there is medical. Once again the basic need of an inmate /prisoner and not being addressed simply because they are an inmate /prisoner. This is what happened to me in 1990 when I was assigned to the SDCC infirmary. That night I was working with a "contract nurse" who was not a state worker. After one of the counts she asked me to follow her into the prison pharmacy and told me to bring a large trash can. I did. She then began to work. She put a dozen saline bags that had expired well over 3 months. Then she checked all the medicine pills that were meant for the inmates when they time came the inmates would receive their meds. I was observing her tossing one third of the pills into the trash container. Could there be a problem today in all the prisons today compared to what happened years ago? There are the possibilities.

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"It's better to do and fail, then not do at all."

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