Survey Comment Report



Dixon 2022-23 MQPL Survey Comments

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Introduction

Dixon Correctional Center is a medium-security male prison within the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) that housed 1,506 people on October 12, 2022. The John Howard Association of Illinois (JHA) conducted a modified short <u>Measuring the Quality of Prison Life</u> (MQPL) survey by providing enough survey packets (consisting of the <u>MQPL survey</u>, an informed consent notice/instruction sheet, and a privileged mail prepaid business reply envelope addressed to JHA) so that every person incarcerated at Dixon had an opportunity to participate in the voluntary and anonymous survey if they chose to do so. JHA received 443 responses to the MQPL survey from people at Dixon through May 3, 2023, representing approximately 30% of the static population. JHA visited Dixon close in time to survey distribution.

Below are the comments from the MQPL surveys for the open-ended survey questions followed by marginalia comments. Please note:

- All blank answers have been omitted
- Names and other personally identifying details have been redacted
- Spelling and grammar have been lightly edited for understanding and to account for possible transcriber typos

Open-Ended Survey Questions

Q12. What are the most <u>positive</u> things about life in this prison?

- 1. (3) meals A day
- 2. Nothing
- 3. Every day that go by is one more day closer to being at home with my family
- 4. Being alive and not dead
- 5. Being able too, work and go to school.
- 6. Absolutely none.
- You Finally get to see these dirty S.O.B.'s show their true colors unmasked. You
 Finally get to see how Corrupt and racist the law and court system really is, First hand
 up close.

- 8. I am fortunate to work in the Optical Lab. There are far more opportunities provided to me due to that, than the rest of GP. I am of the mindset that I will walk out more skilled than I was when I walked in, but I had to do many of the studies I've done on my own. Opportunities for people to better themselves aren't easily obtainable.
- 9. they Like to keep it cold
- 10. This prison none at all
- 11. Nothing
- 12. There arent Any
- 13. Its easy going
- 14. it suck real damn bad its not any thing really to do no more it fuck up
- 15. one time a month you get to vent to a counselor
- 16. When you leave!
- 17. I'm not Getting in Trouble with Inmates
- 18. I get to take a close Look at myself and make a change!!!
- 19. The only positive thing about this prison is that its not as worse as the other prisons that Ive been to like Menard and Mount Sterling/Western. They were just more fucked up than here.
- 20. I see none because school, law library, Re-entry service, Job placement, are not available or regularly scheduled
- 21. I'm breathing!
- 22. I have time to think about myself and other things read and study myself my health my value, and my well being.
- 23. A place to sleep. I have an outdate
- 24. Nothing, just Don't come back
- 25. None
- 26. You have time to better yourself
- 27. It only takes 2 1/2 hours for my loved ones to visit me
- Isn't any, This prison is incompetent, unable to run or maintain legally, or adequately. Hundreds of violations daily, understaffed by a lot, underfunded, factually can't operate under this conditions.
- 29. Nothing is positive here. Nothing at all staff doesn't make it no better.
- 30. My time still counts down till I have a chance at parole
- 31. Single man cell and weekly access to law library
- 32. Nothing
- 33. It give a better perspective on life about family and everything you took for granted
- 34. You get to make a phone call
- 35. Change my life for the better
- 36. Really there's nothing positive here. You have to make your own way here just to survive. The people (other incarcerated people) make you want to change just to get away from them, sometime even staff. 1 positive thing is when your outdate gets close.
- 37. By being here I do not want to go through it again. After 7 or 8 this has been an experience.
- 38. Close to home
- 39. The location close to chicago. The open area of outdoor, you don't feel closed in

- 40. Getting out of this suck ass prison
- 41. I'm alive, Law library (the way out), Close to home
- 42. Have a job that has meaning, one or two staff seem to care
- 43. The phone. That's it!!!
- 44. N/A
- 45. The most positive thing is that I have a job
- 46. For the most part we get a good amount of time outside our cells.
- 47. In this prison NONE!!!!!
- 48. That it is only 1 hour from Chicago
- 49. There is nothing positive. They don't give good time, and if they do they steal days. I've been waiting to get in school for over 2 months and I only have 18 months left. They only offer 3 programs and their is not enough staff to start anger management classes.
- 50. Self controlled windows, single stall showers
- 51. Getting good time from work + school to go home a little sooner
- 52. Nothing, this prison is the most disgusting place I have been in my life. Its like im the only heterosexual male living in a LGBT community
- 53. That they have some programs and work assignments
- 54. Able to communicate with a few positive individuals in custody.
- 55. Nothing
- 56. Nothing!!
- 57. I get to talk to family over the phone
- 58. Out all day
- 59. Foundations for life, substance abuse/criminal behavior, Dixon performing arts (D.P.A)
- 60. Isolation works for safety and relationships with staff and inmates. Single person cells need to be more in Illinois Prisons.
- 61. I got some good time in school
- 62. With Jesus Yes!
- 63. Aside from friendly and willing officers, the other staff are always keeping programming and groups available for everyone regularly!
- 64. The chaplain, and the church here is great
- 65. Electronics
- 66. You get a television in your cell. You get boxes of food at commissary. STC population are single celled. There is no free "Sand Box" movement. There are cameras. There is good tasting dietary being served.
- 67. There is no positive things in prison
- 68. "Not a damn thing" staff aint worth shit here all of them!! Theres nothing positive about here
- 69. Dixon Correctional Center STC Mental Health Medium Security. Washing machines and dryers you can use in the dayroom. They didn't have a dayroom or washers or dryers you can use yourself in menard and stateville maximum security. I am now in STC medium Dixon Correctional Prison. Having a dayroom. Jobs outside of the building.
- 70. I really can't say
- 71. You get to see how prejudice white people truly are towards blacks

- 72. School GED Diploma, vocational programs construction certified license and college degree, and work for industry.
- 73. I get to attend the Law Library, but only for 30 minutes per week while other institutions get 2 hours per week.
- 74. There are none they go on lockdown when they don't feel like doing anything and when they do that we go days without showering and being able to use phones, they are falsifying covid-19 results to gain funds from the government.
- 75. Only thing I can say is the classes and program's then again I can't say that because if your not "short" enough on your sentence you'll never see it so nothing is good specially not in Dixon CC
- 76. Opportunities to help yourself are available.
- 77. patience, time 2 think
- 78. Nothing
- 79. Nothing
- 80. There's really nothing in Dixon correctional center
- 81. The amount of sleep, we can get, we do get 3 meals a day, we do get 2 movie channels
- 82. Nothing I been on C-grade since 2018 now I want to change my ways I was a kid when I 1st got here 1st time. They dont give me nothing! I was sad-mad cant do nothing not even a job & is me **[NAME REDACTED]** I am not going to hide NOTHING!
- 83. That you get to practice your religion and that you get to listen to music and talk to family sometime and you having a window to smell and breath fresh air!!
- 84. I can sit in the cell + educate myself
- 85. I haven't died
- 86. The only positive thing is that staff CO do not interact with people so we do not get bother by them. but other than that there is none.
- 87. There is nothing positive about life in prison
- 88. Shit
- 89. To wake up
- 90. My relationship with Jesus
- 91. They let you do whatever the fuck you want just dont get caught. They dont give no fuck
- 92. That you get to shower by yourself and you get all day dayroom.
- 93. Little to nothing
- 94. Waking up, having another chance of life, and Thanking God almighty! and being around certain people, that is positive, that God had blessed me to be around!
- 95. There is nothing positive about being denationalized and held hostage on your own land against your own free will.
- 96. I am with job.
- 97. Singing
- 98. My rent and utilities are paid. :)
- 99. To stay off drug and give my life to God
- 100. N/A in the X-house
- 101. Getting back home to my wife and kids

- 102. You wake up
- 103. In the past I supported good effort and gave good advice
- 104. The religious services.
- 105. Access to mental healthcare. Its proximity to the community from which I come from (Chicago).
- 106. In my case, I'm from Chicago, so it's closer for my family and friends to come to visit me, it makes it easier for them, other than that, there's no positive things about life in this prison.
- 107. NONE
- 108. I got a job fast
- 109. Having A Chance to Find Yourself and God Almighty. One can correct themselves, if they sincerely want too.
- 110. CAN'T THINK OF ANY
- 111. MY CURRENT JOB IN OPTICAL LAB BUT IT IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO FEW (37).
- 112. getting an education, focus on being a better person.
- 113. Nothing! Just because I have a lot of time they won't even let me in school. They say short timers are the priority. For the people with long sentences we become important once our time is shortened.
- 114. Closer to family
- 115. Attempt at programs. No Follow Through
- 116. There are a lot of decent officers, and staff.
- 117. Using my time to know more about myself
- 118. None
- 119. I have a job in Industry, only took 7 yrs to get in, + Family is not far from Dixon.
- 120. I have the change to Rethink my life, and where I go once I Get out.
- 121. You become friends with people you probably never see again.
- 122. The brothers that I have made.
- 123. One men cells. Amount of personal property
- 124. Nothing at all
- 125. There is not one thing positive about this prison
- 126. When we are not locked down because of "lack of staff" for the day, probably the dayrooms
- 127. That I can learn about self and others, and learn about god and His son Jesus and the Holy Spirit first then self and others!
- 128. Nothing
- 129. You can use this time to prepare for the outside challenges
- 130. Being able to get up to go to work.
- 131. Nothing is positive ive been on waiting list for programs and school I don't think they even put me on the waiting list foreal they don't care about us they get to go home everyday
- 132. Having an outdate
- 133. Being able to used a sleep apnea
- 134. I'm living
- 135. Good friends, helpful mental health

- 136. being able to take shower and go to work in the dietary kitchen
- 137. None
- 138. I can change my life for the better in the name of Jesus
- 139. None
- 140. it is close to home. There is more time out of cell than in higher security prisons.
- 141. Nothing
- 142. Uncertain
- 143. Being here better than NRC.
- 144. Prison saves some people and gives them a time out to shut down and restart.
- 145. In life when you lose everything because you come to prison you garner a better appreciation for everything you've lost. #perspective
- 146. The healthcare staff they come around and check on people at least once a week.
- 147. I get to help other people on my job
- 148. We can come out of our cells + have keys
- 149. Food okay, healthcare okay most of the time (some surgeries delayed or not done to save money. U of I Chicago wants to [MEDICAL DETAILS REDACTED], denied here, other surgeries okay
- 150. None
- 151. I would have to say is church and the spiritual classes
- 152. It makes you a better person
- 153. Time to plan and really think
- 154. There is nothing positive here.
- 155. Nothing
- 156. Nothing at all.
- 157. I didn't die when I turned 18 by getting shot or overdose.
- 158. Having an assignment
- 159. None
- 160. Law Library
- 161. Standing out here and changing the way I think
- 162. The religion service
- 163. Cheap phone calls
- 164. None
- 165. There are none at dixon
- 166. We're not on lockdown All week, also we're allowed to be out for about 7-10 hours a day
- 167. NONE
- 168. Nothing they do not help to Properly prepare me for Release, with Positive Programs, work Release, Denied and will not let me Resubmit
- 169. ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH GROUPS.
- 170. N/A
- 171. Being hopeful of going home one day.
- 172. Seein people go home.
- 173. I have a job
- 174. You get a chance to see the real Government unmasked. Show their true colors.

- 175. Not one!
- 176. HOT WATER
- 177. Nothing! Trying not to catch IDR's. Just to put in for transfers.
- 178. Church services
- 179. Looking for the day you go home. And get respect.
- 180. Nothin at all is positive about this institution
- 181. getting out of here
- 182. N/A in the X-house
- 183. for me, finally having more dayroom, having a Job and attending school and sometimes chapel services. There's not much, really.
- 184. Being able to have books sent in to me from love ones for my mental peace and cultivation.
- 185. I've Never been Anywhere Else so I have nothing to compare it to. Uhm, I like the campus scenery. Looks like a college campus.
- 186. Phone, visits, jobs, schooling, yard
- 187. None other than being closer to home
- 188. You don't be lock up in cell All day
- 189. The ability to get some mental health treatment. The staff is really pretty lenient.
- 190. THEY HAVE MORE REHABILITATIVE FACTOR THAN MENARD, STATEVILLE, PINCKNEYVILLE, PONTIAC. YOU CAN TAKE SHOWER ALONE.
- 191. Freedoms + visit with our family or [ILLEGIBLE]
- 192. Theres not many here at Dixon CC but they do allow the class foundations for life come and teach which has been a help to a lot of us to cope with how badly this prison has been treating us for the last couple years.
- 193. To touch bottom with your self and to be realistic about life it self., [ILLEGIBLE]
- 194. I look forward to the **[ILLEGIBLE]**
- 195. Nothing At All!!!!!
- 196. That it's open movement
- 197. not much but the food from dietary (aside from these things that look like this, made **[ILLEGIBLE]** And they slightly resemble fat teeth and are **[ILLEGIBLE]** stinks like something that's been sanitized or something medical...that like could be in a surgery room or something
- 198. Time to sit down and evaluate myself for a better future.
- 199. I'M STILL ALIVE
- 200. Shit At All
- 201. Keeping everything positive. Don't have long talks with anyone, but Be nice to everyone. Pray—church
- 202. N/A
- 203. Keep Your Mind busy, Go To school or some Type of Programs, Get an Assignment. EXERCISE Mind, body & soul.
- 204. You can get dayroom and yard sometimes
- 205. Going to Organizational Integrity classes.
- 206. Being alive
- 207. None

- 208. C.O.s don't stress about the petty stuff as much as they do in G.P. & other prisons
- 209. Cops evaluate problems and help if asked.
- 210. TREES—FRESH AIR WHEN WE ARE ALLOWED OUTSIDE
- 211. Im not locked in a cell all day long
- 212. nothing at all. Just Lucky to wake up every morning. And start a new day.
- 213. Breathing not Life because this isn't living just Breathing
- 214. you can call your family
- 215. Nothing
- 216. I am in Dixon's Special Treatment [ILLEGIBLE] cope with prison Day to Day
- 217. Contact Visits before the pandemic
- 218. nothing
- 219. commissary, getting on the phone and visits.
- 220. Close to family.
- 221. Cannot answer you got a lot of negative as well
- 222. LESS HARDCORE INMATES
- 223. is that you can spend time with yourself to improve yourself to not committing crimes again
- 224. none
- 225. THE HOUSING UNIT I AM IN. MAINLY SENIORS (40+). THE RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER. ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO PHONE TIME. OTHER HU'S ALMOST NON-EXISTANT.
- 226. There is a library.
- 227. Church services
- 228. I've taken courses on the outside of prison, because the prison system has no type of automotive or diesel course [PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED].
- 229. There's still hope for the future.
- 230. Closer to family & support system in the world.
- 231. None!
- 232. I have a single-man cell.
- 233. We can stream music on our tablets! Other then that nothing about Dixon Correction Center is positive I'd rather be in Statesville
- 234. thinking about life on the outside
- 235. My faith.
- 236. I am given the opportunity to work & go to school.
- 237. When not on Lockdown out all day
- 238. TRYNA DO BETTER
- 239. Nothing
- 240. Don't come back.
- 241. Being Alive, able to talk to family & friends, and having time to nurture more positive thinking through programs and independent study.
- 242. None
- 243. Nothing
- 244. It Makes you stay Alert At All times
- 245. The chance to Reflect on my Life and plan To Better It.

- 246. My choice to Better myself But for Dixon I can't get in classes ive Been waiting for 3 yrs
- 247. Nothing "phone calls"
- 248. Zero
- 249. Nothing
- 250. The time I personally use to educate myself...
- 251. Working Industries, CAT Program, and other program opportunities...
- 252. That certain staff actually do try & consider our requests
- 253. It's close to Home.
- 254. Learning how to deal differently with people, with mental health issues I've learned that you can't approach everyone the same, you have to try different approaches depending on the feedback you get when trying to problem solve.
- 255. THE CAPLAINCY DEPT. HAS VERY GOOD PROGRAMS WHEN OPENED
- 256. The most positive thing about life in prison for me is my state of mind, I get to think when I am by myself about my life and my goals that helps me stay positive and not want to come back and for others we have a lot of dayroom.
- 257. I have a window in the wall. That's pretty much it.
- 258. Church services
- 259. An outdate and still being alive.
- 260. It has the potential to be a source to produce productive returning members of society. The infrastructure is here but the people are not. The Foundations for life classes and volunteers are a great asset to this facility.
- 261. I HAVE A JOB
- 262. Nothing
- 263. Some of the older Inmate have took it upon themselves to truly Rehabilitate Themselves
- 264. You have the opportunity to change your perspective on life and your relationship with others because there is not a lot of pressure discouraging you. The Healthcare here is decent except dentistry (Major Problem). The unit I'm in people want to Progress by working for their release, keep in touch with people outside and not looking to get into problematic situations. All are looking for better food, healthcare, recreation, and better commissary.
- 265. I will go home eventually.
- 266. Rehabilitation. Mental Health Treatment.
- 267. Environment view. Cosmetic of Surroundings is campus-like. Visualization skills are better Than fences surrounding Every Entrance. Psyche & mental observance gives one solace being incarcerated.
- 268. THAT DEPENDS ON WHO U ASK. SURELY AT TIMES I'VE BEEN THE BENEFICIARY OF A FAVORABLE DECISION, THEN THERE WERE TIMES NOT SO MUCH. I KEEP TO MYSELF MOSTLY AND TRY TO KEEP MY HEAD DOWN HUMBLE IN BEING. EVEN IN THAT THOUGH SOMETIMES I'VE SUFFERED THE "NOT MY PROBLEM' ATTITUDE FROM CERTAIN STAFF MEMBERS.
- 269. Groups dayrooms gym phones commissary. Release Home good life.
- 270. Yard, Food, commissary

- 271. none
- 272. Some of my guys from the World Around me and they got A few cute lil hoes wit ass who work here.
- 273. There are no positives here you live until you can't anymore.
- 274. Shit As of Now In Dixon
- 275. There is some Programs that are a Positive aspect of doing good for yourself.
- 276. THAT I GET TO FILL OUT SILLY LITTLE QUESTIONARIRES IN THE HOPES THAT SOMETHING POSITIVE WILL BECOME OF IT. BUT WE BOTH KNOW IT WONT.
- 277. Nothing. No Rehabilitation. No Programs For Long Term Offenders
- 278. I get paper-work (Wikipedia) materials when I request But It is never actually what I've requested.
- 279. To go home and To see you kids
- 280. If you have a job you are allowed a lot of movement
- 281. Schooling: If incarcerated People have more then 3 years they can't get in school. I have 17 years and some change left and I have been trying to get a GED for the 19 years I have been here. Medical: When you are in other institutions they say Dixon has the best medical care when Dixon shows no actual interest in solving medical problems. Phones: Gangs run the phones when IDOC had a solution of putting them on the tablet but never did it. If you're not in gang, no Phone!
- 282. NONE
- 283. Most of the rules and shake downs are minimal and staff don't hound you here.
- 284. family/Friends
- 285. I am able to go to school to Learn skills & Tools to be Better and Do Better.
- 286. I truly believe that there is no upside to being in this prison.
- 287. The most positive things about Life are when Like minded people who are mature and positive have the ability to come together in unit, from all walks of Life and create the positive atmosphere and environment for themselves.
- 288. worrying about dying in here
- 289. After this punishment some people may come better, some may come out worse then when they came in.
- 290. Close to Chicago
- 291. none
- 292. Nothing! Other than you get to see these corrupt dirty S.O.B.'s unmasked For what They really are Finally.
- 293. visits, connection with loved ones
- 294. The lights work. Other than that, All The Positive things are only on paper, not really Activated or in use or Available.
- 295. Hot showers. Laundry available. Frankly, not much beyond the fact that this isn't a highly violent prison, but that has less to do w/ staff and more with inmates.
- 296. You can choose to stay in your cell and out of the way.
- 297. That we are able to have visits again, and yard when they run it.
- 298. NOTHING, PEOPLE WITH TIME JUST GET LEFT BEHIND MEANING. NO SCHOOLING, CLASSES, COURSES OR COUNSELING. ONLY FOR SHORT TIME.

INDIVIDUALS 1.5 YEAR LEFT. JUST TO GET YOU OUT. OTHER THAN THEM DO TIME. TREATED WRONG.

- 299. Cheap phone rates to call your family.
- 300. N/A
- 301. Quality Time And getting to know yourself
- 302. teach me not to come back
- 303. One man showers w/ Hot + Cold controls (in the showers that work). Closer to Those who love me on The outside world. Positive Things about being here are disappearing rapidly Though.
- 304. THERE'S School, mental Health Groups, positive peers, Employment, Librarians for Novels
- 305. CULTURE DIVERSITY
- 306. The Hope of Freedom. This Prison Does Not Inspire positive Hope.
- 307. The Only Positive Thing In This Prison Is They Let You Die. There is Nothing About This Prison that is Positive.
- 308. to have the privilege of Make call or have contact with family, working out, Read, and write, Get along with the Inmates, Especially with Your Celly.
- 309. NONE
- 310. I get time to think.
- 311. NONE
- 312. YOU CAN TAKE A SHOWER OFTEN.
- 313. When They offered Schools & trainings
- 314. No SEX-BORN AGAIN VIRGIN
- 315. If I Put forth the effort, I can rehabilitate myself despite having no help or incentive from IDOC. Although the culture of the staff is to treat us like animals and be careless about their jobs or mission, there are a few officers who do treat us with respect and dignity.
- 316. 1. My release Date. 2. I am still praising god. 3. I can purchase commissary, commissary needs more items.
- 317. I like the Trees.
- 318. Nothing!
- 319. Excess to Mental Health...
- 320. CLOSE TO FAMILY. SINGLE PERSON CELL.
- 321. Very few real dangerous inmates.
- 322. Mental Health staff on STC.
- 323. We came out our cell at 8:15Am & lock up at 9:15Pm
- 324. SCHOOL! WHEN THEY HAVE IT.
- 325. NONE
- 326. THERE ARE PROGRAMS Available to help you use your time better, although they have extensive waiting lists—geared towards short timers.
- 327. nothing nothing at all
- 328. Sometimes, we are out the cell all day.
- 329. Being alive the next day knowing I am one day closer to getting out of hell.
- 330. NONE FOR ME..
- 331. Key to your cell. Walk without restraints (handcuffs)

- 332. one man showers
- 333. Nothing at all, The health care is poorly managed, the schooling and programs are poorly, the whole Prison system needs a overhaul
- 334. Safe from the streets.
- 335. When I first arrived I was surprised at the layout of the grounds. There are trees and grass. Fences instead of high concrete walls. When I first arrived I felt that there was a lot of freedom, and I was hopeful.
- 336. NONE THAT I CAN THINK OF.
- 337. Not really much to say.
- 338. I finally made it to the industry. I'm doing positive things there.
- 339. It's close to Chicago, so I can see My family on a regular basis
- 340. NOT A Whole lot your not in the cells as much but there's no yard maybe twice a month.
- 341. Nothing!!!
- 342. NA
- 343. I am able to Work, and earn some Money to Make ends Meet. I'm also learning a helpful skill.
- 344. School
- 345. Mental Health
- 346. my room is paid for
- 347. The Positive thing is that it going To Keep me away
- 348. Out of every security level this prison gives incarcerated individuals the most freedom, is one of the least racist, and the overall staff mentality is down to Earth.
- 349. Being out the cell.
- 350. You have opportunities to be enrolled in positive classes.
- 351. To Learn from Your Mistakes AND get Whatever Help you Can get.
- 352. amount of time out of cell
- 353. Breathing not Life because this isn't living just Breathing
- 354. Lack of fences. Have bigger yard. This place has trees.
- 355. fairly safe
- 356. My family of Believers and Chapel.
- 357. Nothing Positive About Life in Prison. But A Person Can Look back At Life And DO there best to Learn How to Live life How Life Should Be lived
- 358. The deplorable Condition Make You Do Not Want To Come Back
- 359. it's the Best Prison I've been to Yet But III Be forced to Leave Soon
- 360. A LOOK INTO OTHER MEN'S BACKGROUNDS, IMPERFECTION, & IGNORANCE WHEREBY I CAN EMPATHIZE WITH SOME OF SOCIETY/SOCIAL ISSUES
- 361. There is none.
- 362. Sincerely, "Nothing"
- 363. Healthcare is Adequate
- 364. The most positive thing is prison only give you enough time to decide your fate. Its whether your going to do good or bad
- 365. Time Available to be outside of Your Cell.
- 366. NONE!

- 367. Nothing
- 368. Nothing
- 369. We are out of our cells Most of the day.
- 370. CHAPEL
- 371. An individual cell
- 372. READING BOOKS, WATCHING TV, THERE'S REALLY NOT A LOT OF PROGRAMS GOING ON HERE AND YARD IS ALWAYS CANCELLED. I JUST TAKE IT ONE DAY AT A TIME AND TRY AND STAY BUSY AND TRY AND BE PRODUCTIVE
- 373. Sometime u meet People that help up lift U In It make U not want to come Back see what we have Throw go. Throw seeing what other people go throw people that Never coming Home Again that Never got to say By to Family love that will make u want to Do right. I no me I can't talk For others
- 374. Oneself adhering to a new Walk in life.
- 375. they feed us 3 small meals a day.
- 376. You get to Walk around outside and you get to shower daily in privacy.
- 377. it's alright.
- 378. THE PAIN IT CAUSES HELPS YOU CHANGE YOU LIFE AROUND.
- 379. NONE
- 380. I have a job in the law library, as a Prea Education and a Hospice Volunteer.
- 381. Nothing
- 382. Now-NOTHING
- 383. I can't think of any except that I got a really cool cell mate.
- 384. KNOWING YOU HAVE AN OUT DATE!
- 385. That I'm still Alive And no matter what this prison do mental or physically. I been incarcerated for [30+] yrs. And I learn to make the best of Any situation Rather it is Good or bad. There is nothing positive About this facility.
- 386. Learning form your mistakes.
- 387. OVERALL STAFF IS FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL. HEALTHCARE HANDLES NON SERIOUS ILLNESS WITH EFFICANCY.

Q13. What are the most <u>negative</u> things about life in this prison?

- 1. No recreation
- 2. This environment is totally Negative
- 3. Everyday it's something negative happen
- 4. Phone problems.
- 5. Being lock in the H.U., Almost everyday (only walking to chow). Having NO yard, for weeks, and sometime, none at all!
- no schooling. Lack of food, or quality of food. More is placed on being incentivized if staying under a budget

- 7. Prison is nothing but a conspiracy to destroy you and turn you into a Homosexual and a coward, and make sure you can Never get your life back on track again, by Corrupt, Facist, racist, Homosexual politicians, and Law enforcement officials both State and Federal. They try to break your spirit and will to succeed.
- 8. The food sucks! New mattresses haven't been handed out since I got here in 2015, Several C/O's feel like it's their job to punish us. Talking down to inmates is a norm for them. Comments like, "You deserve shitty food!" or no heat are made. The lack of programming opportunities is counterproductive. The counselors are poorly trained. Many have no knowledge of the A.D.s, hence their answers to grievances are asinine. The entire grievance system is a failure. The disciplinary system is a joke. It's impossible to get a fair shake.
- 9. gang bangers control phones
- 10. When they short staff they keep putting us on level 1 lock downs
- 11. Everything
- 12. the Officers union controls every thing
- 13. Poor performance of staff
- 14. it aint like it use to be but it can get a little better someone have to step up
- 15. Level #1 Lockdown Two or more times a week. Not enough staff to cover Day to Day work
- 16. Not knowing Day to Day what the Day Brings Regarding this camp
- 17. The attitude of the staff. The staff sometimes are under the impression we work for them and bring their problems to work. Via bio electromagnetic or the like
- 18. I'm locked up in Jail Prisons An I Wanna Go Home Wear FBI Policies Wear I Belong At
- 19. The phone situation, and you can't get in school until you is short, and when you get short you don't have enough time to finish it.
- 20. The way staff treat people here is disrespectful and almost like there out for justice. We rarely GET yard or any air outside of the Housing Unit. They always have any number of excuses for why it gets cancelled. There are no alternatives to let off steam or stress like exercise or sports. We 16ixon16t Been to the Gym in over 2 ½ years.
- 21. No Yard weeks or months at A time. Grievance procedure denied. No job placement. No school or TABE test. No Orientation. Placed in lockdown max unit for six months w/o justification nor approval hearing or authorized notice. Ignored procedure for crisis placement or Mental Health advocating.
- 22. Lockdowns due to shortest of staff. And not being able to talk my family + friends. Cause it is happening so often now. Every weekend for sure.
- 23. No consistency
- 24. There are a lot of racist People here including the staff and they don't mind showing it to anyone, you just except it as a regular thing.
- 25. Staff
- 26. Everything
- 27. None
- 28. The food and the level 1 lockdowns due to short staff

- 29. No matter what I do to change & improve myself, my outdate will never change due to truth-in-sentencing laws. So why am I changing when I'll never be more than the crime I committed as a young adult
- No movement. No programming, classes. No yards, no gym, no outdoors (sun/air). Delayed, denied medical, dental treatment (inadequate, untimely, a lot of suffering). Horrible, poor diet, food, causing physical complication
- 31. The Staffs doesn't do they job they take they time with everything they do they treat us like shit
- 32. Mental health will only help those who harm themselves. I don't feel safe here that is why I remain in restrictive housing (refusing to come out at all). The gang members won't let people like me who are "unaffiliated" use the phones, nor will IA change my pin, even though somebody is using my pin # and I did not authorize it.
- 33. No gym, no yard, no religious services, no educational opportunities
- 34. All of them
- 35. We're in our cells all day. There is no real help/treatment. We don't get to go outside, we don't get to speak to the wardens. People self-harm and it don't seem to matter to anyone. The conditions are filthy and harsh
- 36. Most of the staff and lack of programs
- 37. Fighting
- 38. Being lock up
- 39. Everything. Your deprive of everything other than a phone call. Some people can't deal with the absent of they're love one and needs the comfort. Here at 17ixon you can't get anything for carrying good behavior so your just here.
- 40. People or should I say some have no life to live, no family to go to, and are not right.
- 41. gang activity
- 42. We're constantly subjected to lock-down and access to the gym is non-existent
- 43. The nursing staff and the correctional staff
- 44. Not enough educational programs for people with lots of time, Staff lie on disciplinary reports all family invented, staff harass inmates/talk shit to create situation, homosexuals, so many psychos in population with serious issues, dietary trays always dirty, poor healthcare, commissary to expensive, showers are musty all the time
- 45. Housing conditions, no yard or gym, never know what a day will bring as rules and conditions change daily
- 46. How badly the C/O's treat you
- 47. No recreation, gym been closed for 3 years now, no ice machines in housing unit, bad dietary food, no assist from prison chain of command, no accountability with staff down here
- 48. First of all the most negative thing about this prison is the living conditions is not humane and the staff know it as well as springfield when the director comes down here I know he sees the conditions
- 49. 1. If we're lucky we get to go outside recreation two or three times a month 2. Nowhere near enough phones for the population number 3. Not enough officers to safely run prison.
- 50. I can't use the phone enough to stay in contact with my family

- 51. Everything in this shit
- 52. That all the staff are lazy. No one knows any answers to any questions. We get about 1 yard every two weeks. We are put on lock down almost every weekend for short staff. There is only 8 phones per every 140 people. Most cells have something broken in it. The locks on most doors are broken. The roof leaks. The cable is also broken, and 100 of other things.
- 53. This is supposed to be a correctional facility but the staff or institute does nothing to help us better ourselves for a better future or society. This prison needs a new warden and all new staff.
- 54. gangs run phones, no phones on tablets, no programs or work for people with short time, lockdowns because of staff shortage
- 55. Being on lockdown for staff people not wanting to come to work, they call a level 1 lockdown where inmates get no phone calls + shower each day that we are on.
- 56. I get treated like a dog because I am heterosexual, they don't feed me, cant use the phone constantly harassed.
- 57. Not enough yard time or gym, the food not enough. Programs for re-entry, not enough state pay, the commissary, not enough phones, bad cable system, healthcare system.
- 58. Overall living conditions (infrastructure), the treatment by staff: no assistance in reformative programs by staff/no obeying the new laws (fully)
- 59. Everything
- 60. No yard time, no programs, staff will write you up for anything and it is impossible to beat a write-up, food served here is very bad
- 61. To many to list!!
- 62. One: The food, Two: commissary, Three: Safety
- 63. No consistencies
- 64. Staff shortages (being manipulated); No yard/no gym!; The adjustment committee unfairness (systemic racism); The food; staff disrespectfulness & blatant racism
- 65. Length of sentence is brutal & heinous. Some staff members treat us like shit.
- 66. Will not out all day in dayroom
- 67. Being lonely
- 68. The heat in the winter time can be a bit excessive!! Better than no heat at all...
- 69. They are not feeding people right in this prison and no yard or gym being called at all. There is no way they are giving us 2,000 calories a day here. Period.
- 70. Never get a straight answer/hard to earn good time/rules change depending on officers
- 71. Food
- 72. The law library staff are underqualified. The prison inmate library staff know more about Jurisprudence, Than the law librarian themselves. We only get 2 mothafukin hours in the library: 2 hours a week come on really.
- 73. Theres nothing to do
- 74. Everything
- 75. Staff, education, food, grievance system. It's all bullshit + a joke!!!
- 76. No counseling with questions talking about your case you come to prison for. The Psychologist should look at what your case was and give you counseling on how not to

come back. I have a life sentence without parole so they don't give me opportunity for education classes its for short sentencing only.

- 77. Everything
- 78. There is no real rehabilitation
- 79. Counselor are not doing their job to support for deaf inmate giving the resources only others hearing inmates has everything. IDOC is not giving Equal Access on phone TTY and programs. School, diploma, college with ASL, American Sign Language.
- 80. The food!! Yard time constantly cancelled. Commissary out of items on shop day.
- 81. They treat mental health patients discriminately, those in the special treatment centers
- 82. See above answer + they don't allow people with over 24 months to attend schooling such as (GED) They will not give offenders who were sentenced to a term of imprisonment their (EDSC) that the court said that we would receive
- 83. If someone is dying in their cell how can we get help? Yes we have a button in our cell that we can press for the officer's attention but a person will be dead before a officer respond to us pressing that button.
- 84. This prison is not well organized
- 85. harassment & belittling, no education & work opportunities 4 all
- 86. Everything, people being racist
- 87. everything
- 88. staff
- 89. Cold food, cold showers, not enough phones, the non security staff thinks they are security staff, they are understaffed here, the movies on the movie channel are old, we don't get some channels on cable that we are suppose to watch, wheel chair people have to fight to get someone to push them specially on the 2nd floor!
- 90. People with jobs get all the good stuff & we always on locked down.
- 91. The most negative things is the staff being racist and too demanding and profile people about there case legal situation, being evil and provoking the mentally ill calling people out there names which is wrong!!
- 92. The staff doesn't come to work on the weekends. It's very hard to get good time. There are not enough programs to help inmates. It's hard to get into healthcare or sick call. We hardly get to go to yard. Level 1 lockdown. Staff speaks reckless to inmates. The heating system in **[HOUSING UNIT REDACTED]**. The low side's boiler is in the attic, and we have been without heat since October 13-19th. We are freezing because nobody wants to go cut the heat on. This is cruel and unusual punishments the institution takes money out of our books for any reason they can come up with, with no proof of why they had just came to do it. I'm missing \$33.00 from my state pay in July and I paid my restitution back in 2019 **[MONTH REDACTED]** because I bought my bus ticket home.
- 93. The way staff treat people (inmate) when it comes to solving a issue. They tug of war amongst the administration about who has the most power which puts the inmates in the middle. Causing us to not have gym, yard, come out of the cell everyday, have visits canceled, lose jobs, all of which raises the tension in the institution on both side. The food + it's portion are not up to the states code.

- 94. Food quality, medical staff, employed personal, no yard, no gym, waiting for years just to go to school, poor water quality, lockdowns because understaff, no programs available
- 95. That the level of leadership is mediocre. There is a lack of such that all staff contradict themselves.
- 96. locked up, cant get on the phone unless you are in a gang.
- 97. Everything
- 98. All most everything but not school/classes
- 99. How staff do things and nothing is done about it.
- 100. That no one knows anything and it will take 2 or 3 months to get any NEWS. Same with any type of request it takes way too long for everything
- 101. The lack of programs. The poor healthcare. I believe that if it place is considered a rehabilitation center it should have things programs that help us rehabilitate.
- 102. They dont give no fuck
- 103. The staff is very lax on security, The women fraternize too much. 5 have had to resign in the last year, prison should not be fun!!! Duh!!
- 104. to many [ILLEGIBLE]
- 105. Waking up being around a lot of negative energy.
- 106. Being held hostage denationalized under the 14th amendment fake citizenship as a stateless person
- 107. Phone, yard, gym, commissary, visit situation(s)
- 108. Love Water Smoke P. S. Hall passing G.O.P.
- 109. They say your eligible for good time, but then won't give it to you unless your a homosexual. I'm not being funny.
- 110. The food. Miss family
- 111. No school, no treatment, no yard, locked in a cage
- 112. There food is nasty and this prison never feed you enuff
- 113. They dont care about your issues
- 114. Staff that neglect their jobs because they don't want to do any work and a non-existent grievance system.
- 115. The theft on each other
- 116. Inmate don't get the chance to work specific jobs. Inmate runs the sight jobs, Housing units (specially Gangs). This prison doesn't provide any educational channels, and the channels that we have looked real bad. No more sophisticated cable system like other prisons possess.
- 117. The fact that Individuals In Custody (IICs) are almost always found guilty of disciplinary violations regardless of a dearth of evidence; innocence; or overwhelming evidence that officers routinely manufacture/contrive scenarios in their tickets; Inmates run the phones; The grievance procedure is laughable and ineffective; etc., etc., etc.,
- 118. Some of the most negative things in this prison are the unprofessionalism of the staff. The way they handle and prepare the food in the dietary. The lack of resources when it comes to clothing, mattresses, and cleanliness of the Housing Units.
- 119. THEY DON'T CARE
- 120. The food & No yard

- 121. Staff not being Accountable to Engage Prisoners more in here. There need to be more Engaging w/ Prisoners to see if their Rehabilitated or Faking it too get out.
- 122. HOW STAFF MEMBERS STICK TOGETHER AGAINST INMATES
- 123. ADMINISTRATION'S LACK OF APPROACH TO EVERY ASPECT OF INMATE'S LIFE IN CUSTODY.
- 124. they do not help you with any services for release. Conditions are poor denyin us recreation among many other things
- 125. We don't get yard or gym maybe once out the month we'll get yard. They don't have enough phones in the buildings either so it's hard for people to get on the phone.
- 126. The food for one—they give the same thing week after week. A lot of food goes too waste. Houses are in bad conditions, sidewalks need repairs. Not enough programs to help people incarcerated. Mostly the young ones.
- 127. Black mold Spiders + Racism
- 128. there are a lot of officers that try and agitate individuals knowing that guys do not want to get in trouble, but C.O. will instigate. Same as some healthcare workers, will speak to you in a degrading manner that would get anyone mad.
- 129. I am not able to provide for my family and myself.
- 130. The dishwasher in Dietary, don't work, and they Don't put in people for transfers.
- 131. The prison is falling apart, mold in every unit, were told not to drink the water now, but will not be given bottled water, the dishwasher in chowhall has been broke for 8 months, trays cleaned by hand, food is horrible, amount given, barely would feed a child.
- 132. Sick call, medication distribution, and lack of programs.
- 133. Very little help in getting Someone ready to Return home.
- 134. It is about the time. It people that is not doing nothing. That why fight happen because of the dead time. And if you have a bad case, they don't want you to go home.
- 135. The counselor barely comes through and speaks to you.
- 136. White supremacist hatred, perversion of Policy Grievances Counselors responses, Grievance Officers, hypocrisy process of grievances, falsified records, security misconduct Racism
- 137. Everything. No yard, no gym, no school, no nothing
- 138. Mold—black mold all around. Roof leaks. Just a nasty place
- 139. Trays don't have enough food on them, yard is canceled 85% of the time, the nurses don't want to pass out meds properly, commissary never has the things its suppose to have for GP (If STC get everything)
- 140. They have poor resources, and pretty much, people do as they please. And that aren't good at all.
- 141. Everything
- 142. Security level inmates thats violent on STG status
- 143. The disciplinary system here is bogus as hell! The really need to do something about their hearing committee (because everybody is guilty) no due process...once again, it's no due process!!!
- 144. Everything especially the racism towards blacks.
- 145. Having an outdate

- 146. Staff dont know how to respect people that is incarcerated then when guy incarcerated snap out on them they get wrote up and sent to seg
- 147. Being locked up not able to earn good time
- 148. Locked down in our cells to much
- 149. letting the gang banger control the telephone in the unit
- 150. Dixon Correctional Center adjustment committee is very bogus bio.
- 151. there food is no good and no light in some of the room
- 152. Programs/care
- 153. There's no programs for people with a lot of time to do everything is offered to short timers first. Mental health is available, but they don't do anything to really help you or the problem. The nursing staff is very disrespectful in the way they speak to and act toward us, and they take it own there self to override doctors orders inside and out of the prison
- 154. Can't get enough visits because not enough staff. Visit have a plastic -> covid-19 shields divider at tables so you cant enjoy or communicate properly. Food is ridiculously expensive at visit before covid-19 and more now. Commissary is very expensive compared to other prisons, with not enough variety.
- 155. Staff and everything
- 156. Can't maintain stability, daily changes of routines by COs, cancelations of vital medical visits to outside clinics, medical neglect, discrimination of commissary w/ no rotation. A hell of a lot more
- 157. No yard, food, not enough phones
- 158. The employees here, the living conditions, meaning housing units.
- 159. Once you're a product of being in the system you will forever be labeled as a 2nd class citizen and have many obstacles to overcome all the stigmas that come along with
- 160. The way the food is served from the dietary. The portions are very small littler than a kids meal.
- 161. Drugs and controlling gang bangers
- 162. Can not get on phone when I need. Don't have WiFi for tablets in most cells. Commissary is not efficient + lacks variety.
- 163. 1. Law clerk [NAME REDACTED] does not deserve to be law clerk, exploiting me (to prisoners). 2. Me being a high profile sex offender is sad to live with. Officers who take me on writs can and have read what goes with a writ. That info should never be on writs because it allows some officers to exploit like officers did to me in Menard c/o [NAME REDACTED], [NAME REDACTED] (talk to Menards [MENTAL HEALTH STAFF NAME REDACTED]
- 164. No gym, poor commissary, food
- 165. Because of time left I can't get into school for self improvement
- 166. N/A
- 167. Being away from your family and friends
- 168. The staff here are racist and treat us worse than animals. When we have any type of health problem they don't help and say we're lying. The officers look for any reason to get aggressive. The staff is so devious they will spit in your food if you even blink. We have no type of help or resources.

- 169. We never know if we gone be on lockdown, and that is per shift. We don't get any yard any more for a 30 day rotation we may see the yard 4 times outta that. The adjustment committee isn't fair by any means.
- 170. You get treated like a pest when you ask for help you are a hindrance to the staff all the staff.
- 171. Everything, literally.
- 172. I got incarcerated in **[around 2010]**, outdate **[around 2040]**. The last 3 prisons I've been in stated: "I will be put in to obtaining GED when I'm 3-1 year to my outdate."
- 173. Away from family. No gym since 2019. Poor treatment from staff. No yards. No programs.
- 174. Not being treated like a human being, the way we're fed, clothed, communication to our family and friends, no one way to defend our side of the situation, not being heard and action taken
- 175. Move S.T.C. People from HCU 3rd FL
- 176. Miss my wife my Brother and sister and kids and Friend
- 177. The food.
- 178. Discrimination in job hiring based solely on offense rather than the individual, utter lack of security staffing to accommodate, high population, poor sanitation, lack of commissary items and poor quality merchandise. Unconstitutional Medical care
- 179. I was assaulted for using a phone by a gang member. Being so far from my family has hurt our relationship
- 180. Everything almost
- 181. it take forever to receive the good time we've earned and to be transferred once we've been Approved and/or when our security level drop and it take forever to get in school + programs
- 182. Everything!!! FOOD, WATER, HEATING & COOLING, VISITS, PROGRAMS, EDUCATIONS, JOBS, GOOD TIME, COMMISSARY, REC, SANITATION, STAFF!!!
- 183. The lies from staff, no Proper Release Planning, Denied work Release and cannot Resubmit
- 184. LACK OF AVAILABILITY TO PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE DRUG TREATMENT OR OTHER REHABILITATION. LACK OF ACCESS TO RECREATION/YARD.
- 185. No yard + gym in DPU/X House. No recreation time. No mental Health services
- 186. The staff hurting or killing people without any repercussion.
- 187. The way they treat us. They feed us in our cells very often. They line up the trays in a hallway in the kitchen under a ceiling with paint peeling the then load the trays onto a truck that is filthy with rotting food everywhere in the truck. The truck is parked and loaded with our food trays next to two huge dumpsters loaded with flies and birds that keep flying into the truck with our trays. The trays are stacked up on bread racks with lids that don't fit on the trays. The food is cold.
- 188. Being Treated like slaves.
- 189. There is no Sex Offender treatment for SMI offenders
- 190. They try to kill you, and medically cripple you, and mentally scar you for life, and frame you up with additional criminal charges to keep you here forever.

- 191. Inconsistency, unprofessional staff, combative and even violent staff, disrespectful staff. Unexplained lockdowns, 2 to 4 yards a month, yards in the cold/no gym, place is a wreck outside and inside mold everywhere, not enough space for all the negatives.
- 192. STAFF
- 193. Everything. Not eligible, to much time. Or you've been put on waitlist.
- 194. almost everything, visit, dietary, the living cluster, mail, phone, the units we live in. Health care.
- 195. Get no respect
- 196. At Times the way staff talk and treat the Men here
- 197. phone use
- 198. Truth In Sentencing
- 199. The lockdowns due to staff shortages. You never know if we're gonna wake up on lockdowns and for how long. Even when you're not on lockdown, they never run other programs like school, chapel, and yard; I have not been to the yard since May this year. The Gym was closed down in March 2020 and it has not been opened yet; I doubt it ever will. The food needless to say has gone way down in quality and quantity in the last few years.
- 200. The staff behavior. The lack of empathy from staff towards those incarcerated the lack of education available. The constant lockdowns. The indifference shown by staff towards the incarcerated.
- 201. They have no higher educational programs. Plus the few that they do have are only Available to those with the least time. Which makes no sense to me because they Rarely finish + the ones with longer time doddle with idle time. Idle time leaves lots of openings for folly.
- 202. everything that's the opposite that I wrote in box 12
- 203. This place takes all our yards + is always locked down due to short staff for people calling in + always locked in our cells that are the size for one man.
- 204. the food is real Bad and the Trays Nasty
- 205. Most units do not have enough phones on deck.
- 206. 1. DIXON STAFFS, INCLUDING WARDENS & MAJORS, DIRECTOR PERMIT RACIAL (WHITE) & DESPOTIC PRACTICES, THEY WRITE FALSE IDR OUT OF EMOTIONS TO BE RETALIATIVE & PLACE INMATES IN RESTRICTIVE HOUSING, UNCOMFORTABLE UNITS, SO SEG STAFF CAN DESTROY THEIR STUFF. 2. THEY STAFFS DONT WANT TO FOLLOW PROCEDURES 3. THEY ARE VERY DISRESPECTFUL TACT TEAM, LT **[NAME REDACTED]**, UNCLEAN (UNHEALTHY SAFETY HAZARD) IN KITCHEN, POOR GTL/CABLE SYSTEM 4. COVID ALWAYS CONTRIBUTED & SPREADED FROM KITCHEN STAFF & INMATE WORKERS EACH TIME!
- 207. 1. The plexiglass they still have up in the visiting rooms. We can't hear our families speak we cant touch them. 2. If we are Lucky we see yard once a week. No gym in over 2 yrs.
- 208. The lack of freedom!
- 209. Seg, missing Life and Family
- 210. Everything!!!!!

- 211. That gang member run the phone and it makes it hard to get on the phone and that we don't have conjugal visits
- 212. (that like could be in a surgery room or something as well as hermaphrodite healthcare is sorely lacking). This is an effeminate (currently acknowledging so) one whose receiving a forced gender reassignment in the past
- 213. Not being able to get on the Phone. Because it is ran by gang members. To check on my family.
- 214. THE UNKNOWN; THE PRE-JUDGEMENT AND DISCRIMINATION ON ALL LEVELS <SCHOOL, HEALTHCARE, ETC.>
- 215. The C/O's/Staff
- 216. Black mold All Around cell sink. All over in showers. Windows fall off And have to be screwed shut. Racoons in roof Pooping & Pissing. Going down in walls. Chewing on wires. Reported over-over-over Nothing Building 42 Roof leaks in dayroom & cells over lights
- 217. The cost of Things in commissary
- 218. Not To DO Anything. Socialize with the Wrong Peoples.
- 219. Murdering & raping people Incarcerated
- 220. How people in prison is treated and punished by staff. I feel I Already was sentenced by a judge Already And that they shouldn't come to work trying to punish me Again.
- 221. You are locked up
- 222. N/A
- 223. No gym & lockdowns due to staff shortages & barely any yards. Very few phones
- 224. No Gym, weight room
- 225. OTHERWISE UNEMPLOYABLE HEALTHCARE STAFF. Few, if any current dixon hcu staff could ever be employed with their current attitude and demeanor.
- 226. The gangs Dominate the phones and don't let non gang members use the phone + Administration knows this but does nothing to stop it. So a lot of people cant use the phone to call their loved ones. Gang members also take people's PIN numbers + have them put numbers on their phones lists so they can use the phone back to back
- 227. We're always going on lockdowns over short staff. Never going to yard or Gym when you are scheduled. I haven't been in Gym since 2019. Stool pigeons. Or ticks and Gay's have more power then any other incarcerated person. I.A. Have to much power and always Like to take your school or Job and makes your time Harder. and always come to you for help then turn back and Fucks you over.
- 228. no treatment course or schooling, programs. Nothing giving you hope to be a better person when you Return to Society.
- 229. There's No programs to help you
- 230. everything
- 231. The portions on the food trays are very small. We need more telephones in the building
- 232. On & off lockdowns, yard without exercise equipment & constant cancelations of it. No gym, no college programs or vocational trades programming, treatment of individuals with serious mental & physical illnesses. No incentives to gain good time
- 233. that we aren't getting Good time, for good behavior.

- 234. Staff conduct, Dietary food, and the opportunities they don't give us for school or programs for good time (short staff too) no yard or gym.
- 235. Poor healthcare. No accountability. Some RN's don't like doing their job. They either go to sleep in the nurse's bubble (of the infirmary) or watch tv or ignore our treatments ordered.
- 236. It's they don't hold up to their word.
- 237. THE MAJORITY OF OFFICERS AND HEALTHCARE STAFF TREAT MOST OF US IN STC AS IF WE ARE HIGHLY MENTALLY INCAPACITATED OR JUST PLAIN STUPID.
- 238. You have to wake constantly for meds
- 239. no help
- 240. FOOD IN DIETARY. NOT KNOWING WHAT WILL BE OFFERED ON COMMISSARY. LACK OF STAFF = HARDLY ANY YARD TIME. JUNE THRU SEPT HAD YARD ONLY 12/14 TIMES OUT OF 4 TIMES A WEEK SCHEDULED. LOCKED DOWN A LOT FRI THRU SUNDAY.
- 241. Not enough Phones. The few Phones they have is controlled by gangs. The food is bad and doesn't fill you up. The cable quality is bad and is blurry. Too many lockdowns.
- 242. Drugs. Careless staff protection. Gangs
- 243. Prison has no way for Veterans to continue in their MOS from the Military or from the civilian side to help those who already have a profession.
- 244. Not being safe in here I just want to Be safe from others harmful Acts.
- 245. The lack of consistency in Regards to the Rights of those in this prison
- 246. Everything!
- 247. I'm under the truth in sentencing Law, so I have no opportunity for good time credit.
- 248. Food makes people ill. Prison staff is verbally + sometimes physically abusive. The prison is on Level 1 lockdown more times then not. I've been waiting 5 years to Attend GED courses, yard and Gym is non existent in G.P.
- 249. the people
- 250. The staff hate their jobs, and individuals in custody.
- 251. The lockdowns due to understaffing prevents the availability to go to school. And I haven't been given a Vegan diet plan for my religious beliefs.
- 252. IT GET WORSE EVERY WARDEN. NO REPAIRS—IE DOOR HANDLES MISSING ON SHOWER DOORS/ADA TOILET—YOU CAN GET STUCK/TRAPPED INSIDE!
- 253. We stay on Lockdown every weekend because short staff. We get 1 yard a month. Food is bogus never have enough always sandwiches for sub
- 254. THEY TRY Not to let you do much
- 255. The Phones! You cannot use them, and they will not put more in or put the phone on the tablets. Everything the officers say is considered true. You can not beat a ticket even if you are right. (Officers will not go against each other) (They Are the gang)
- 256. Lock downs Because STAFF won't come to work
- 257. You can't get along with everybody.
- 258. Time away from family, the feeling of being to dependent on others, the unjust treatment at times, the culture of the C/O's, the lack of health care professionalism.

- 259. Everything, what you have coming you don't get. They make up The Rules as They go and are very Hypocritical. Theirs no Gym and Yards are rare. Lockdowns and visits are a constant cuz their always "short" of staff. Staff get away with everything and the Grievance procedure sucks cuz all counselor was former staff and Look out for one another.
- 260. Everything. Bad food, water, treatment by staff
- 261. They Allow the gangs to Bully the LGBTQ. We Have to Pay gangs to use the phone or suck Dick for the closet gay & No compatible celling so we end up in seg. There Wardens and Head of I.A. Target us.
- 262. The Food The Phone The Way We Are Treated And The healthcare
- 263. Food Quality, the unreliability of Cable Breaking down channels going out
- 264. No Education. No exercise. No motivation.
- 265. Gang members and prison politics
- 266. dehumanization
- 267. The drug use. Failure to evaluate those who are rehabilitated
- 268. Internal Affairs does not investigate when you send anonymous kites about drug dealers or anything to do w/ staff.
- 269. Officers constantly not coming to work. Lockdowns! No Yard! No gym! Commissary not prepared to serve. Cannot receive good time credit.
- 270. All the things/behavior they let people get a way with. Also theres No Chance for us who don't gang bang to get on the phones.
- 271. Its design like it a staging center and theirs no real effort to help you assimilate back to society. Its not about you. So when its not about the people the humanity begins to get lost and it shows in the operation which shows in the organizational culture.
- 272. the toll it takes on us mentally with the frequent lockdowns (level 1 lockdowns) due to what appears to be planned short staff. I could be wrong "but I could be right also"
- 273. 1. SOME STAFF SPEAK DOWN TO AND CALL INDIVIDUALS BY RACIAL WORDS W/O CONSEQUENCES. 2. VISITS (VIDEO/IN PERSON) ARE CACELLED DUE TO SHORTAGE OF STAFF LOCKDOWNS. 3. ALL COUNSELORS ARE EX-CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS. THEREFORE, WHEN YOU REQUEST ASSISTANCE THEY SPIN YOU AND YOU HARDLY EVER GET ANY RESULTS.
- 274. there's not a lot of school opportunities.
- 275. Not enough yard. Not enough food. We don't get adequate religious practices. We don't get any education or programs to better ourselves when we get out. We are always short of staff. We get no help/encouragement from staff to better ourselves. They love to write tickets and send us to seg.
- 276. Treatment
- 277. Not enough resources to better ourselves or get released early
- 278. Others K2 smoking is making me sick daily. 1. Healthcare staff generalizing their decisions for treating an individual Based on a Few seeking attention, resulting in the death of an individual or ongoing suffering (nursing mostly) 2. Staff Retaliation, either directly or indirect. 3. Staff discrimination and biases based on an individuals case. 4. Conditions of Living units and cells. I'm currently being forced to live in a cell with mold covered wall and pealing paint, and no action has been taken to repair it and I've been

denied requests to move to a different cell within my housing unit. If I push it I'll be move to a living unit where I'll be at risk.

- 279. STAFF ATTITUDE
- 280. The staff
- 281. They don't care About Black people
- 282. Extremely poor food, Very Few Courses or classes for Long term offenders, Very limited yards, Very Short Library Time. Very Uncertain Medical Care.
- 283. There are not enough programs available here. Using the phone can be challenging gaining access to it. The tablet with phone service will be a major help along with stretching the Wifi signal beyond the dayroom to reach the cells.
- 284. The inhumane treatment of the LGBTQ+I community. They don't honor PREA laws or state policies. The staff uses favor for a favor amongst the staff to harass IIC.
- 285. Lower Quality Muslim Service
- 286. Mold, ventilation is bad!, building is outdated, no insulation from cold from outside of building. Not Enough Nutrients in food to stay healthy to build immune system up
- 287. SOME OF EVERYONE HERE IS TRYING TO FIND AN ESCAPE, AND IT'S USUALLY THROUGH DRUGS AND HOOCH. THEY GIVE US THE STUFF TO GET HIGH AND DRUNK FREELY THE METHODS THEY USE TO SO CALLED 'PREVENT' IT HAS BEEN UTTERLY CIRCUMVENTED. YOU WOULD THINK THEY'D BE SMARTER, BUT THE IIC HAVE FOUND A WAY AROUND ALL THEIR INTEL.
- 288. Lockdowns Assaults
- 289. This Lack of Yard. Food, commissary
- 290. They don't let everyone go to school as its based on your MSR date and there is no rehabilitation efforts its only given to those they see fit to get it. Dixon Correctional Center They will not give me P.C. as I fear for my life. We don't get No yard, gym nor are we able to use weights in DPU building #148. They reward bad behavior over good behavior + refuse to give jobs
- 291. NOT BE ABLE TO TALK TO YOUR LOVE ONES BECAUSE YOUR NOT IN A GANG OR GROUP
- 292. They Hate Black People but they Wanna Respect me once I go Krazy get wild and show them dat im off Balance.
- 293. Bug infestation, poor living conditions, inhumane treatment, lack of mental health care, This is an emotionally & mentally draining Place that makes me often consider suicide.
- 294. Never coming out the cell. No Yard Getting Ran. No Seg Programs For Long Term Seg In Dixon.
- 295. The staff do not really care about the important issues That can make this Prison a lot better.
- 296. 20 DAY OLD MAIL. TABLETS THAT DON'T WORK. ITS CURRENTLY 35 DEGREES IN THIS CELL, THE CABLE IS OUT DUE TO (GET THIS) AN ELEVATOR BEING WORKED ON. AN INMATE CALLED A C/O A BITCH AND THREATENED HIM AND GOT A JOB THE NEXT DAY. WINDOWS AND ROOFS ARE LITERALLY FALLING AND BLOWING OFF BUILDINGS. THERE IS A HOLD IN THE SIDEWALK YOUR

LEG CAN FIT IN THAT HAS GONE UNREPAIRED FOR OVER A YEAR. AND THOSE ARE THE POSITIVE THINGS.

- 297. The Whole Prison Experience is Negative. Lockdowns Due to short staffing Every WK, Staff work together. They Become Counselors so When we File Grievances. Officers Friends Make 'Em Disappear
- 298. I Keep requesting Protective Custody from all head command Staff and don't get it. The proper Interview
- 299. STAFF CONDUCT, ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT, WE LIVE IN HOUSING UNITS WITH BLACK MOLD, RACOONS, LEAKY ROOFS, NOT ENOUGH CABLE CHANNELS
- 300. gangs
- 301. 1,400 calorie meal's a day you get hungry and have to Supplement with commissary but only going once a month you cannot buy enough To last a month. The K-2 use Here in Dixon is out of control, I have to stay inside my cell so as not To get the effects of second hand smoke!
- 302. Allow anyone who wants schooling to go to School, Bring in a medical service that will give actual medical care meaning giving actual medical care, solving instead of treating medical issues, + Put the Phones on the tablets.
- 303. Food, Access to Law Library, NO Yard Commissary is Too high!
- 304. You cant get a straight answer and when you're eligible for something, They spin you.
- 305. Staff/Lack of No Opportunities to better ourself.
- 306. They short of staff. They won't allow me to take the aim-Higher class to get good time Because I am in S.T.C. It is not given or allow for me and many other classes. I am not Mentally Disable and I should Be allow to go attend.
- 307. Opportunities come far and in between. There are few good time opportunities. The counselors are lazy and refuse to work. We spend too much time locked down.
- 308. The amount of drugs given out by the administration through mental health. People are abusing those drugs and becoming drug addicts always chasing some type of high. Not to Forget the Large amounts of (K2) that people are smoking. The prisons have a modern day drug crisis at every level truly sad!
- 309. more recreation. Gym Needs to be open. More yard the visiting room Needs to go back to normal operation. Everyone family can't schedule visit the glass Needs to be remove
- 310. It seems that don't matter how good you do what others do or the decisions they make always affect every body else for others people actions.
- 311. The nurse yard & gym schedule, food commissary, staff conduct disciplinary system. The old buildings getting things fixed
- 312. staff treatment, no yard always canceled, no reform
- 313. A wasted life, and genius such as the case of: "The Birdman of Alcatraz." And public loss of the talents, and Brainpower of these outstanding prisoners who have been crushed by political envy, Jealously, & corruption.
- 314. fights over phones, lack of compassion, Professionalism, respect from staff, gross misconduct and malfeasance of High ranking, long term officers large indifference to

our problems with no desire to change for the better, only worried about their paycheck, no real correctional-mental health opportunities

- 315. No Yard. incredibly bad commissary by The Staff That runs it! Non existent choices or very limited + limits of only 1 of most items + always out of most items, and being incredibly overcharged for All items 100/200/300 To even 400% mark up over the legal 25% the are supposed to charge/ no Art supplies or way to get them/No positive programs. Can't even Paint Pictures.
- 316. Lock-ups. Lack of programming. Disrespectful staff. Chow, store.
- 317. You're not dealt with as a person.
- 318. Once of the problems hear that we have is the telephone because these to many prisoners and not enough phones. Why can't we make call's on our tablet's?
- 319. PEOPLE THAT NEED HELP ARE NEGLECTED. NO SCHOOLING AVAILABLE. MOLD, FECES IN ROOFS, INSECT INFESTED. THE FOOD. NO YARD— EVERYTIME IT IS CANCELLED FOR NO REASON.
- 320. The psychological impact prison has on Juveniles and young adults 18-21 as their brains are still developing.
- 321. Gangs run the phones & unit in the entirety. Staff does "random" strip searches
- 322. you feel Like a Animal
- 323. Not looked at as a human, but as a felon—many staff say "It's not my problem." Toddler portions at meal times, not adult. Very "Happy" meals, minus the toy. Constant staff shortages, resulting in lockdowns every week and even from one shift to the next. Minimum status inmates not gettin transferred when approved to go, and being stuck here in med/max prison.
- 324. As of Now We Been on Lockdowns off And on Due To Lack of Staff And Employment, And that making lotz of Folkz seek crisis for The sack of Dixon Correctional Center staff That Are Either Not Arriving or giving up There Terms As A Correctional officer.
- 325. MIXTURE'S OF RACE
- 326. Admin. Allow Staff C/o & Nurses to treat us inhumane. You can't learn in grow and chance with positive things. Being use as yard in a Situation that has Nothing to do with us. Locking us down, claim short staff, but theres 8 Sgt, 12 Lt sitting Around doing shit!
- 327. No Dental (The Doc Here is NO good They Don't Care) Living Here Is Bad For Your Health
- 328. not have the privilege of Make contact with Family. Be around with the trouble people, not have access To your Privileges, or be on (b) Grade
- 329. STAF TREATING INMATES WRONG!
- 330. I cant get out the cell and communicate with my supporters and inmates like I should.
- 331. EVERYTHING
- 332. THINGS ARE STOLEN I ORDER IN THE MAIL AND I PAY FOR THESE THINGS.
- 333. Being constantly Level 1 lockdown. No school Any more If problem officer don't care and will not help with problem officer not showing for work—therefore being locked down weekend + good days. Have to wait long time for our procedure or operation to be done—some time to late to do any good
- 334. 720 ILCS 5/15-1.3 et. Seq. 730 ILCS 5/5-5-5(e)(g)

- 335. The culture of the staff. They are here simply to collect a check. They could not care less about their mission to help us rehabilitate, and they use us to take out their frustrations in life. The staff are malicious in their conduct. Firing people from Kitchen for the smallest infractions, putting all their energy and resources into giving us tickets, shaking us down, and putting us in Segregation.
- 336. the food is no good. Mental health response is no good. Here in Dixon psych facility I am around maximum security I am minimum
- 337. Too many things, (i.e. showers, phones, Television cable service, Tablets, etc.) when they are broken or do not work properly, (washers + dryers) they take far too long to be Fixed or replaced. Also, the way Dixon runs the commissary is ridiculous! Always running out of important items—only getting ONE shop per month!!
- 338. Staff Yard Food Telephone Access
- 339. lack of Programs Etc...
- 340. LACK OF TREATMENT. LACK OF HELP. LACK OF OPPORTUNITIES. NO YARD, GYM. NO SCHOOLING. NO HELP FROM STAFF!!!
- 341. Healthcare staff and C/O's treat the majority of us inmates in this section of camp (S.T.C.) as if we are imbeciles.
- 342. Correctional Officers
- 343. We do not get yard as much as we should. We only get yard maybe 1 time a month.
- 344. NOBODY ACT LIKE THEY CARE. IT IS A MENTAL PRISON. NOT JUST A CAGE!
- 345. treatment, Food, commissary, yard restrictions, Lack of programs.
- 346. The unusual amount of lockdown status due to staff shortages. The abysmal selections on food trays.
- 347. People Inmates are taking advantage of each other extorting them and making others go shop for them, they are smoking K-2 tattooing
- 348. We can't defend ourselves against tickets, even when we say the camera Footage can prove our innocence, they refuse to view the camera officers are allowed to be disrespectful with no consequences or reprimands, Jobs or school is not available to everyone and the teachers refuse to actually teach you anything, if you complain, you will be punished in some way! The Phones are a big problem as well.
- 349. Lockdowns because they "Short on Staff." May get yard twice a month, few months ago they found cooked mice in the food after serving few units. They do not honor Grievances even if we provide them with evidence showing innocence. And the blatant disrespect by staff.
- 350. THE INMATE'S
- 351. Keep you locked in because of staff not showing up for work. Inconsistent commissary. Inconsistent yard hours (sometimes you go, many times you don't). Don't have things requested (request slips, grievances, etc). Lack of answers about upcoming programs or how to get involved.
- 352. The only give out Good time to those who is close to going home, Anyone who have 2 Years or more wont get Any, Healthcare it's hard to get Any needed surgery done or A check for Any cancer other than prostate, the food is bad And the kitchen has bugs and Rats, the commissary is Always out of stuff Even before Covid but Now the prices

All outrageous, we may get yard once a month. theres is not enough weights out there + No Gym! the staff is unprofessional.

- 353. The officials have a Bad way of Communicating with us, they really are not trained well by the academy or their **[ILLEGIBLE]** Superiors and the Correctional Guards they mostly have Bad agenda an mostly Bias towards us. Some of these Guards will try & provoke us to do harm to them, physically assault them.
- 354. everything
- 355. With every new warden they restrict more and more. Because of the COVID they are using it as an excuse to further restrict. We used to have 1 hour yard 1 hr gym every day. Now we have 2 hours week yard only, and they cancel due to staff shortage. Lockdowns are frequent and they fall back into 1/2 hr day room often.
- 356. You Have to be close to your out Date in order to get the proper help/Rehabilitation you are looking for.
- 357. no classes for people who get good time/commissary doesn't do their job.
- 358. We never know when we will be locked in (IvI 1) due to staff shortage
- 359. The educational system here is set up where guys with 2 yrs or less get first shot at specific classes, and guys like me with more time aren't able to take advantage of those classes
- 360. The yard, the programs, the food, the cable system, the commissary
- 361. Everything!!!
- 362. All, food, People, etc.
- 363. The poor treatment & handling of mail, grievances and property
- 364. the staff doesn't do Anything to help Security or Counselor, especially Counselors they don't do much of Anything
- 365. Lockdowns. Staff
- 366. Staff, Lt, Sgt, MAJOR, Warden
- 367. They say your eligible for good & then don't give it to you unless your trans, or homosexual
- 368. Generally State Funds are not being properly distributed for Residents benefit Such as education, Dietary, Clothing, LTS, and Sanitation. And the Commissary is price gouging with impunity.
- 369. not going to the store enough. They're always out of stuff (store). The water is known to be polluted, it has a boil order but we are not being given clean water. Administration tells their officer not to drink the water but didnt tell us the same thing. Cable system broken
- 370. The Phone System. Not Enough Telephone's For the Number of People. Trying to use them mostly Gang Ran.
- 371. Rude, Ignorant Disrespectful Staff!
- 372. it is hard to get into school and Job assignments, very few programs available, phone lines ran by Gang members, we don't get away of our scheduled rec times
- 373. Having A Cellmates, Being Misunderstood By Staff And Bad Food, Lockdowns
- 374. We have not been getting access to yard/gym as per schedule.
- 375. 2 individuals per cell

- 376. Being falsely incarcerated and have to wait what seems like an eternity to get my appeal looked at.
- 377. The most Negative thing is Not being Able to Choose what You Need done, Being told what to do.
- 378. That It Doesn't Teach You How Not To Come Back
- 379. Cant call Family cus it hard to get on Phone Because theres only one
- 380. THE STAFF ARE PROFESSIONALLY ILL EQUIPPED TO HANDLE REHABILATIVE HUMANS. MANY OF THEM LACK EMPATHY, LOOK TO SEEK UNDERSTAND, AND ARE QUICK TO PAINT EVERYONE AND EVERY SITUATION WITH A NEGATIVE BROAD BRUSH.
- 381. Cant use the phones to call family. They do whatever they want to do and Keep us Locked down most of the time, food isnt enough on trays, Healthcare is poor and they wont help us unless We hurting ourselves or Acting Crazy.
- 382. No yard or gym and commissary once maybe twice a month in Dixon.
- 383. No Recreation, Not enough Phones, Constant Fights over them and S.T.Gs Waiting to happen.
- 384. The Gangs And the lack of outside recreation.
- 385. Most negative is it's a inhumane prison. The foundation has been disrupted. Its black mold everywhere. No yard or gym. No yard or gym. No counseling. No help.
- 386. Lockdown due to staff shortage/In-Person visits, school. It's Like A one in a million chance for School or programs. No Gym at All, yard maybe once A month.
- 387. NONE!
- 388. Everything
- 389. That you have to fight to get on the phone
- 390. Medical treatment is horrible! The Adjustment committee officer [NAME REDACTED] is hard on his Judgment. ALWAYS Bias against inmates. Commissary sucks, They are always out of stuff. The food such here. I also believe The officers need More training to deescalate situations. There co's cater to the Homosexuals.
- 391. Healthcare + Dietary
- 392. No Yard No Gym + Weight room
- 393. YARD ALWAYS CANCELLED, UNNECESSARY LOCKDOWNS, STAFF HERE WRITING FALSIFYING TICKETS. I HAVE PROOF SEE THE ENSLOSED COPY OF A FALSIFIED TICKET THAT WAS WRITTEN ON ME ON **[DATE REDACTED]** AND WAS DISMISSED AFTER. PLEASE SEE ENCLOSED SUMMARY IT SAYS IT ALL. MY REIGHTS WERE VIOLATED ETC. ETC.
- 394. lost out on time that u can't get Back Family In love one Die People that u Never got to say By to I love U I miss Now they gone old All your Family I Friend U love one Die or then move on with they life time Don't stop for no one U feel me
- 395. They treating us like animals or shall I say worse than the animals.
- 396. They always cancel yard there is no gym staff conduct is offensive rude and racists The nurses are rude and don't care about any inmate or individual in custody.
- 397. Gangs run the phones and make it hard for non gang affiliated people to call family. Food is small and often times very poor Quality.
- 398. when we lock up.

- 399. THE WAY YOUR TREATED AS IF YOU DON'T MATTER.
- 400. STAFFS
- 401. Being constantly on lockdown due to Lack of Staff, or people just not showing up for work. The food that is serves in the worst I've had in any Prison.
- 402. Everything
- 403. MOLD, BAD WATER, BAD Fixed Food, Mail incoming, BAD cable, BAD L.T.S = No YARD NO GYM NO MOVIES that are updated—just reruns, NO ICE MACHINES and Terrible Tablet Reception.
- 404. everything dealing with security is negative
- 405. TO BE TREATED FAIRLY, THEY NEED TO HELP PEOPLE WHO NEED TO BE HELP. THE NURSES TREAT PEOPLE SO BADLY BY BEING DISRESPECFUL AND HATEFUL TOWARDS OTHERS
- 406. The staff conduct. C/O And the medical staff. It is a family Affair And the Supervisor turns A blind Eye to All the misconduct from staff members. The commissary is price gouging us. We ARE not Getting what we have coming by law. YARD!!! Law Lib. Is being shut down on the Regular. Just Real Bad Staffing!!!
- 407. No one seem to want to help everyone change.
- 408. CELLS ARE RIDICULOUSLY SMALL FOR TWO PEOPLE. ONLY 1 YARD/WEEK. NOT ENOUGH DARK GREEN VEGETABLES. NOT ENOUGH SCHOOLING. ATTITUDE OF SOME NURSES—NOT ALL.

Q14. What suggestions do you have for

improvement?

- 1. Release free Individuals
- 2. Decarceration. Programs. Incentives. Jobs for everyone. Being able to be an asset other than a liability
- 3. Make it how it was in 2014-2015
- 4. Put Phones on Tablets so People who Are not in gangs can use the Phone without Joining a gang or paying for calls or sex for calls.
- 5. The staffs should treat us like human beings, instead of less than human!
- 6. Positive things for an inmate to do. All Schooling is being taken away. This is simply warehousing.
- 7. A Congressional investigation of the I.D.O.C., and arrest and Fire all these corrupt employees, and hire all new employees, including the III. Governor, he's in charge of the I.D.O.C.
- 8. Outside arbiters to handle tickets and grievances. Having C/O's or former C/O's handle this prevents these processes from having any legitimacy. Better training for C/O's and counselors. They should feel invested in the rehabilitation process somehow. Some Germany prisons are already doing this. There is already a blueprint. More recreation. Gym hasn't been staffed or ran since COVID started. Phones being added would help

keep down altercations. I would say 90% of physical altercations are over the phone. Adding the phone app to the tablet would eradicate this issue. Adding educational programming courses to the tablet would open doors for people. There is no reason that Lakeland professors have to come in to teach courses. This can be done through "zoom" to the classroom on campus. Tests can be proctored through Prometrics or some other certified testing site. Every counselor should be trained as a proctor. Education provides opportunities for inmates so they don't feel like they have to go back to the behaviors they had prior to prison. This also builds self-esteem. It creates a positive living environment. It keeps inmates in a rehabilitative mindset. It keeps violent and disruptive behavior to a minimum. There are RAND studies that back this. There are many housing units in different states of disrepair here. Roofs need to be replaced. MOLD NEEDS TO BE REMEADIATED! It is everywhere. There is black mold in every building. I'm sure you know the health risks associated with mold. Inmate workers need to get paid better. They should be allowed to unionize. The supervisors should come up with a program for every job that measures skills accrued over time and turn it into a program. Every job should be defined under "Life Skills" because that's what they are. They should be awarded EPSC accordingly (1 day/day worked). Officers should be held accountable in their personal capacity. Qualified Immunity essentially gives them license to kill.

- 9. take control of phones
- 10. Where do I start at they need it everywhere
- 11. Everything
- 12. Abolish "prison wages" slavery
- 13. Follow the Rules (Union Administration) Stop allowing favoritism
- 14. good food good staff good people food all over that will Help out alot Bottom line
- 15. send minimum inmates to minimum prisons.
- 16. more lock up time so there are more chances to get the phone. like when they sometimes Run 7-cells At A time, then its perfect to get a Phone and all get A Day Room in the a.m. and p.m. "Please" thank you
- 17. To Rid Them of Bio-electromagnetic weapons and to do things right w/o greedy, lazy people.
- 18. I Wanna Go to my MSR Date
- 19. get more program and more teacher.
- 20. Try to work with us not against us. More yard or Gym where we can become less stressed out which makes us easier to deal with. Have more programs for us to participate in to better ourselves and possibly get good time.
- For JH to come to Dixon C.C. to interview individuals in custody about deprivation of rights and procedures. Yard, Re-entry, School, Jobs, things available to STC at Dixon C.C.
- 22. To put the phones on the tablet, so everybody can call there family and not be fighting over the phones or catching COVID-19 from using the phone
- 23. Total upper staff rehual
- 24. To and for the staff to treat people as you would treat yourself, try to put yourself in their shoes, before you act on anything.

- 25. Undercover neutral third parties placed as C.O.'s that will report the mistreatment by C.O.'s who know they won't face any reprimand for negative behavior they show and often encourage us to show through mistreatment of us
- 26. Shut Dixon down...Now!!!
- 27. None
- 28. Better food and more programs for inmates
- 29. The disrespect shown to our loved ones who decide to drive hrs & hrs to visit us only to be denied entry because they're 10 minutes late. No reimbursement, no consideration for the miles traveled.
- 30. programming for everyone. movement—yards, gym, outdoors, exercise. Unobstructed grievance process provision
- 31. Help the people get out instead of holding us in this prison, especially short times
- 32. Put all individuals not affiliated in housing together. There is not enough food on the trays, please need just a little more for those of us who don't get money sent in. Or lower the outrageous prices on commissary. Mental health and staff to help those of us who need help. I can't go to school or further my education because I don't feel safe enough to be in general population.
- 33. More programming for everyone in a less restrictive security setting
- 34. More out of cell time and gym. Group therapy. Incentive program for people with excessive good time. Some type of outside monitoring.
- 35. Better educational programs. The prison discriminates against inmates with a medical condition we can't transfer or put in for work release.
- 36. Get better food
- 37. chase the food
- 38. The people here that are 50% can receive good time. For program, work, and school. We are placed around those who can't receive good time and we're treated just like them. Some staff don't care if we go home or not. We are force to serve all the time we're giving no matter if we behave or not. They are under staffed here so it's hard to do or get anything done here if we try to better ourselves.
- 39. Mental health needs a backbone. They need change in the X-house.
- 40. restart
- 41. The mind set of the administration
- 42. Give us more yard gym and recreation
- 43. More opportunities for people with long sentences (School, jobs), better HC, respect from staff, a lot of racist whites here, lower commissary prices, clean showers, clean dietary trays
- 44. Get all new officers or just close it down
- 45. More programs, more schooling, better dietary food, better commissary and keep commissary stock. Stock ice machine in all housing unit. Better T.V. Channels
- 46. They need more maintenance on staff there are a lot of prisoners who can help with these repairs but the prison won't allow it because of the "union"
- 47. Make this prison like Kewanee Corrections. Give us the same access to those kinds of programs, education, and vocational resources

- 48. More phones, more programs, more jobs, better food, more food, less level one lockdowns, yard more then twice a month
- 49. Get more C/Os to work here because of "short of staff" fix cable more programs and more etc.
- 50. That they start fixing what is wrong with the cells. add more phones. Train the staff so that they know how to do there jobs and answer questions, counselors most of all.
- 51. This prison needs to learn how to treat human beings. We are treated like slaves. We need better meals served to us for chow. And better commissary items. Their is always a shortage on commissary and we are only able to buy two meat packs instead of how many we want.
- 52. Phones on tablets, more tv channels, more commissary times, more resources and programs, larger food portions, better classification housing, violent life inmate shouldn't be housed w/a short stay non violent inmate
- 53. Destroy it and rebuild a new one, and let the mice + roaches continue to live here rent free
- 54. More staff hired, preferably female to balance it out. Females can be a big help their are mostly male here sadly.
- 55. Better programs to prepare you for re-entry, better food, better programs for the tablets. Better trained staff to deal with mental disorders
- 56. Improvement with appointed staff conduct (counselors are no help. Hold staff accountable for unlawful behavior)
- 57. Give us real education and positive classes.
- 58. More programs, and educational or schooling to start
- 59. Officers need to be trained in human interaction + that just because they are an officer they are not always right + we are always wrong regardless. Infrastructure needs to be updated, (cable, showers, sinks, toilets, shelving units, etc.) Commissary from how it runs to things available.
- 60. Food without "salt" and hot food "everyday". To keep the cost of commissary and stop the price gouging. to have new nursing staff and better Dr's to help us. Get these sidewalk fix along with new floors on the third floor health care is needed.
- 61. Consistencies
- 62. Stop the racism, hire more people of color! Independent checks & balances!
- 63. More respect for inmates human life. Stop the abuse and neglect. Revenge wont stop crime. Getting even is cruel.
- 64. Try to get good time down here
- 65. More thing to do!
- 66. Yard or gym 2x a week at least, and please give us the proper amount of food. Stateville NRC feeds you more and that's saying a lot!!!
- 67. Better food/easier to obtain good time/better commissary/more job assignments/easier access to school
- 68. Commissary and food
- 69. I'm a paralegal (prison) and an ex police officer. Do you know 2 hours a week is against the law, should be illegal, the computers freeze too much 2 hours a week

come on. To prepare a legal defense and to spend at least half the time a professional paralegal/lawyer in law library.

- 70. Allow smart phones
- 71. Adequate healthcare. stop the ineffective **[ILLEGIBLE]** & delays in medical treats to be seen by specialist. get real food and a cook, commissary needs more healthier choices. day time 30 min share calls, I got a tablet that I can't use in my cell, by the TV channels
- 72. Change everything & everyone who works here A.S.A.P!!!
- 73. Less psychiatric drugs given for decades and more counseling about what you came to prison for in detail by a psychologists they just have groups with general topics nothing specific about your case. They should have one on one counseling about your case.
- 74. schooling
- 75. there need to be more school programs, job training programs throughout your sentence and not just towards the end, the federal government should take over
- 76. For warden to step down and put a warden that give resources to deaf inmate like myself. School, treatment programs, college, work for industry. Gain to accomplish many diff elements.
- 77. Give people their yard time when scheduled. Hire a food supervisor who does their job. Keep the commissary Stocked.
- 78. Administrative staff that ensure inmates get what they have coming, and equal treatments for all prisoners
- 79. More jobs, more Good time, less lockdowns, more caring and understanding staff members + less racism
- 80. Allow the people who still have more than 5+ years to get in school, only people with a short time can get in school, and why? So they can get all the good time, get back out quicker catch another case and start this cycle all over. Why not let the people that got time get in school, people thats been gone long enough to appreciate a shot.
- 81. Quit being so stingy with good time.
- 82. Schedules, food, rule enforcement
- 83. None
- 84. I need out I'm not safe here!!!
- 85. More yard and gym, better food and staff, programs
- 86. fix the kitchen on HCU 3rd floor, put one to two more phones on the 2nd floor, hire more guards, get new movies, update the cable, get up to 3 or 6 pushers on the 2nd floor
- 87. Nothing never had a good job since 2018 & I been here since.
- 88. I feel that I.D.O.C. should where body camera so they should be held accountable of there action and I feel like every inmate you be able to request any staff member thats on duty that they use to dealing with if its a situation arose it shouldnt always be mental health!!
- 89. Someone needs to place a worker from Springfield to work down here or you guys because they do what they want to to us down here. This is solely because nobody

knows what they are doing. Or a number that inmates can call like PREA. Because of the phone list situation.

- 90. From what I see this administration is too powerful to get any real change done, for some type of improvement.
- 91. I would suggest a total change of the administration starting for the wardens. I honestly think that they do not care about what is going on in this place they just care about the pay check.
- 92. Help non gang members get on the phone. More good time to non violent offenders.
- 93. None
- 94. Stop ex-cops/ex c/o's from being counselors, put cameras inside the bubble with the officers to show c/o's unprofessional actions, give us more channels on t.v., to have diets for every medical condition, fire all medical staff and supervisors and directors and have new people to monitor medical folders better. Hire a lot of black people (officers and np's, nurses)
- 95. better training on how they deal with us.
- 96. More staff, counselors that can help
- 97. I think they should have programs that help us to better ourselves. Classes like GED, High school, college, and other things like computer classes etc. Better leadership in the institution
- 98. Break up the C/O's like a whole lot of racist shit. Best to mixed up C/O's with a people of color.
- 99. When you do wrong accept the punishment. Staff is way too lax and the administration doesn't support staff or train them how to problem solve or to be aware of game being ran by prisoners
- 100. fire [STAFF NAME REDACTED]
- 101. To get more better food and recreational activities. And more staffs and teachers and officers that care for incarcerated inmates and staffs!
- 102. Allow moors to come into these concentration camps to teach the moors their nationality & divine creed & civics
- 103. Put phone availability on tablets, visit situation, more recreation, better commissary
- 104. Can we keep up, with Biden, Hunter
- 105. Actually give out the good time for everyone eligible for it. The right amount of phone per unit. We only have 3 and theres about 70 people in the unit. Open the gym up again and more yard time. Turn my cable back on.
- 106. Better food and living condition cleaning supply
- 107. More school for X-house in mental health treatment get us out the cage
- 108. And we need more yard. We need more cleaning supply and better food
- 109. Transfer me out of here!!!!!
- 110. Oversight to ensure staff are doing their jobs.
- 111. Always put inmate in clean cell with clean hallway's/dayroom and clean Recreation area (clean food and med's).
- 112. Better staff help and communication. Better food and commissary. Better cable system. (More channels). Better educative programs and college classes.

- 113. Place phone capabilities on the tablets; overhaul the disciplinary methods of issuing tickets (place more onus on the C/Os to prove the elements they allege in their tickets; Overhaul the grievance system by providing an ombudsman, such as the one the state of New York recently has.
- 114. I would suggest that the staff be properly trained to do their job on a professional, and respectful manner, following their own Administrative Directives. And that the Administration approves more programs to a level that everyone who wishes to improve his education would have the opportunity to do so.
- 115. CLOSE IT
- 116. All Prisoners Time Should be Accounted for work, school sessions About Life Issues, Exercise, M.A.N. (Motivating, Assisting + Nurturing) One Another As Needed. No Gay...
- 117. YARD 3X'S A WEEK (AS IT IS SCHEDULED, NOT ONCE A MONTH). GYM, PROGRAMS, MOVIES, TOURANMENTS, COMMISSARY. 2YRS AGO WE HAD THIS!!
- 118. MORE CLASSIFICATION, RISK ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE CONSIDERED, COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ADMINISTRATION VERSUS INMATES, SPRINGFIELD'S OVERSIGHT
- 119. Tear Dixon Down!
- 120. More phones in buildings! More Programs for people with lengthy sentences
- 121. A Good Makeover
- 122. Better Food, Hire more people of color
- 123. For C.O.s & staff I don't know, cause it does not seem that they respect command staff and it doesn't help that one of the command staff (**[STAFF NAME REDACTED]**) hates individuals in custody. Out in the open, clearly everyone can see it. But for us, we used to have yard & gym every day, now they took that away. And now this prison is less populated since closing the minimum side.
- 124. Programs that educate people and when this people get release they can help in their communities; in positive ways.
- 125. Better staff members, that don't treat us as numbers, or the help.
- 126. See how clean other prisons are, then look at Dixon it looks like some project ghetto. Filthy.
- 127. More yard/gym. More phones or putting phones on our GTL Tablets. Better movies.
- 128. More outside help.
- 129. Treat us like people, or people of United States of America. Here I'm not an American. Educate us, why we can do better.
- 130. Actually have mental health people that talk to you.
- 131. Society needs to monitor administration, counselors and Grievance officer's board hearing, counselor's investigation of staff misconduct. This lack of mature of caucasian staff, majority of staff. All staff lack of mentally maturity need corrective measures...etc.
- 132. Every suggestions me & you can think of.
- 133. Fix it all
- 134. Shut this down and rebuild infrastructure from ground up

- 135. To stop officers and mobs from gang banging. Torse one another. It seems that the gang is controlling in certain area of the prison.
- 136. Nothing
- 137. Financial stability
- 138. Getting a fair, just, and impartial disciplinary system!!! That's exactly what this prison needs.
- 139. EVERYTHING!!!!!
- 140. Give IIC control of programs like peer educators
- 141. Close it down
- 142. Phones on tablet letting me earn goodtime I'm at 85%
- 143. Open gym for STC, consider non-vaccinated visits
- 144. when it come to the telephone let officer go cell by cell one cell and time go every one get chance to use it and that way the gang banger can't run it because a lots of people have got hurt over the phone.
- 145. Shut it down!
- 146. change the cleaning condition and the food.
- 147. Food/programs/school
- 148. The counselor should never be ex-officers grievances should be handled by someone out of the prison. We should be able to talk to the wardens at least twice a month. All staff members should be punished for breaking the rules. It shouldn't matter how much time you have if you can get into any program.
- 149. If surgery to fix my knees is/was suggested by doctors, they need to follow through with it, I shouldn't have to sue in court to get the medical attention I need.
- 150. Staff, food, commissary, yard etc.
- 151. Change the administration, security, wardens, definitely the healthcare administration or a lot more
- 152. More phones on units, more yard, better food
- 153. Please first fix the dishwasher in the kitchen. Because that's an essential part of this prison!
- 154. Honestly it's literally in the name (Department of Corrections) people forget that after sentences are handed down. When sentenced there are 3 aspects. 1. punitive 2. restorative 3. recidivism. Most prisons only focus on 3 of this and that's punitive, once that changes will see real progress.
- 155. Serve more food on the trays, run groups more and make more one on one contact with mental health staff.
- 156. Start doing what staff are suppose to do, monitor phones better, and have commissary and a full level for all housing units. Make sure you order enough of everything for all offenders to get everything on the commissary list.
- 157. Remove crimes prisoners did in writ packets guards take with and read and exploit in Menard like they did me! I recently went on writ in Dixon and officer read my papers, put his head down + shook his head. See what I mean?
- 158. Making the school first come first serve
- 159. Better food and staff that understands

- 160. For staff to give us more programs and our gym back. Also better food and training of staff
- 161. Fire every one and hire people that will help us.
- 162. To have an independent adjustment chairperson that doesn't have personal relationship with the staff.
- 163. To treat the prisoner like they are one of your family member
- 164. Better dietary food. Better commissary. Better mental health programs, cable. Better resource pre-release programs.
- 165. Allow people a lot of time to go to school to get their GED so they can take trade classes so they will be better prepared when released
- 166. Release us!
- 167. A staff to deal with our injustice and problems when c/o and prisons does wrong immediately, no more seg, better food, upgrade tech phone on tablet, game console, X-box-playstation, lower prices for everything
- 168. More Staff
- 169. We need Better food and cleaning Bleach
- 170. More programs
- 171. More fair job assignment hiring/approval process, population reduction (like California did previously), better and more efficient chemicals. Make healthcare state provided, rather than through private companies who want to save money.
- 172. Staff needs to do their Job. Also they need to put more phones in so everyone can use them and also need to keep the gangs from controlling them.
- 173. More phones that people can use. Phones for non gang members. Gangs run these phones
- 174. Serve better food, separate clothing from food when it's time for commissary shop. Transfer people on time when they've been approved or placed on minimum security. Also give inmates their good time when they earned it in a timely manner not 60 days late
- 175. MORE CULTURAL STAFF!!! AND EVERYTHING I NAMED WRONG IN THE LAST BOX!
- 176. A Real Program to monitor the Prison staff and work with Prisoner on a one on one help, Because the Grievance Process does not work
- 177. HAVE MORE ACCESS TO PROGRAMS AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES.
- 178. More out-of-cell time; give us yard + gym; For Mental Health issues to be taken seriously; staff to show respect; punishment should not always be first choice; mental health programs; more incentives; for cages in Dayroom to be removed; A microwave to heat/cook food; school classes for DPU;
- 179. Better staff, policies, and training.
- 180. fix the cable so we can watch t.v. complete independent audit + inspection and review/investigation of staff conduct.
- 181. Better Food + Catchin up as far as tablet Goes. Phones on Tablet + Video visits.
- 182. Get a sex offender Program for SMI offenders
- 183. Fire all of these dirty S.O.B.s, and arrest them, and Hire all new people...Including the local Federal Judges.

- 184. A Ton of things need to be fixed here, not patchwork. Staff need training to deal with minorities and mentally ill people. More programs and jobs especially for 85% inmates. More law library access. More gym and yard. A much better grievance system, better counselors, they need computers, copy machines and fax machines
- 185. BETTER, STAFF, FOOD, COMMISSARY, YARD TIME, TREATMENT
- 186. This facility need to be closed. Period!
- 187. To address the things I said above
- 188. Fix it up and get employees who want to work
- 189. Complete overhaul of the whole system, it's broken to the point that nobody have a clue as to whats right or wrong
- 190. phone use
- 191. Repeal Truth In Sentencing
- 192. Create more programs, especially educational programs. Give us a chance to further our education whether through teachers or through on-line classes through our tablets. Open up the Gym and then yard and organize sport-competition between cellhouses. LTS Dept. should get a subscription to a streaming service like Hulu or Netflix—the past couple of years we have been shown the same movies from the 80's and 90's over and over again. Create all these programs to give everyone something to do. This prison should once again accept food donations for us; we need to be fed better food—better food.
- 193. Bring in outside services and counselors and stop allowing former officers to become counselors. Provide educational programs. Discipline officers who show indifference to the needs of those incarcerated.
- 194. Bring in more college courses. And allow more time + access to the Law Library. You can't get any Research done in 20 Minutes per week.
- 195. list to the incarcerated People's needs. Respect us and also stop the racism. Also stop treating the homosexuals better than the rest of us.
- 196. Allow us that want to work to work the jobs we want when some of us have a lot of time. Give us our 10 hours a week of yard.
- 197. Better food and more yard
- 198. Put 1 phone for every 10 people like the rules say.
- 199. FIX HEAT & WALL IN HCU FROM RAIN & COLD WEATHER ADA TTY-ADA PHONE. GIVE EACH MAN A JOB. DESPITE RACE, GP, SEG, GRADE STATUS, JOB & SCHOOL PROGRAMS MUST BE AVAIL TO ALL NOT THOSE WHO CAME TO PRISON WITH LESS THAN 2 YRS TO DO. PLACEMENT IS ONLY GIVING THOSE NEW ON TRANSFER JOBS AND IS DISCRIMINATIVE TO BLACKS, ADA, & LISTED GANGSTER DISCIPLES
- 200. Jobs, + opportunities 4 offenders All.
- 201. Allow us out of these cells. Let are families not have to make an Appointment two weeks in Advance to visit us. Let them come up like they use to Before Covid took place.
- 202. I do not know if I can spress my own point of view? Respectfulliwise Any way! I hope there is no zin in existance? **[ILLEGIBLE]**
- 203. more checks and Balances

- 204. Better schooling, Better Job Opportunities, Better Staffing availability so we can get all of our Rec.
- 205. more phones in the unit and to have conjugal visits for good behavior
- 206. fire [STAFF NAME REDACTED] and any soon to be discovered advocates of such
- 207. Set a limit on phone calls per day. Because 4 or 5 guys Hog a phone and make 50 calls a day. Were some don't make one.
- 208. "COMPLETE OVERHAUL" <STAFF, LIVING CONDITIONS, ETC.>
- 209. Shut it Down
- 210. The hole Place needs A lot of work, but everyone just does something else. The officers call in ALL the time get Holiday everyone there then bad to same problem not workers.
- 211. Lower the cost!
- 212. CREATE MORE PROGRAMS...GIVE REC YARD & GYM TOURNAMENTS TO GET THE L.T.S. SUPERVISOR TO CREATE SOME PROGRAMS.
- 213. Changes with staff And Inmates
- 214. Open Gym up Again, Allow incarcerated individuals that have time to participate in college courses.
- 215. have someone to come talk to the Prisoners yourself
- 216. Give us gym & let us order more coffee & more phones on the units
- 217. More weight room time.
- 218. GET RID OF WEXFORD + ALL W/STAFF. ELECTRONIC RECORDS FOR HEALTHCARE
- 219. Add 4 more phones to each housing unit. Place the Gang members in the Large housing units + Turn the 3 small units 35, 36, 42 into "Honor Dorms" for People who don't get in trouble, don't use drugs, not in gangs
- 220. give us our yards, better Commissary. Treat us as human beings. As adults not childrens or a number. Let us go to school. So we can do something proactive then just letting us sit down and doing nothing. Always Saying we're to short or have to much time. get more officer to work. so they can stop putting us on a level 1 lockdown every sat. and Sundays.
- 221. make sure staff is held accountable for their action and give incarcerated individual a fair opportunity when it come to disciplinary system and schooling + programs.
- 222. Need more programs
- 223. Stay out of or change all the Staff
- 224. more food more phones
- 225. implementation of real rehabilitative programs—from education, trade development behavioral modification classes. Mandate participation in rehabilitative programs rather then punishment for most non violent infractions & or after serving segregation time.
- 226. more staff, more yard and gym, more programs, schools, back ground checks on staff misconduct and better food.
- 227. Better attitude from staff. Better food from chow hall. Better commissary. More dayroom. Gym to be available again.
- 228. I think a while lot of improvement can be done.

- 229. MORE JOBS AVAILABLE TO STC INMATES TO ENABLE US TO ACHIEVE A MODICUM OF SELF RESPECT
- 230. more compassionate officers
- 231. MORE STAFF OF COURSE = MORE YARD TIME/OPEN GYM BACK UP. BETTER MEALS IN DIETARY/CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT IS PRINTED ON MENU ALWAYS CHANGING, FOR THE WORST.
- 232. Add more Phones as soon as possible. Fix the cable to show better. Add more food to trays.
- 233. Better educational programs, including college
- 234. Open the gym back up, Give us an hour in the Law Library, And have the Commissary stocked so our house is not walking to commissary and always out of items
- 235. All I Ask is that staff learn to listen as well as to what prisoners have to say cause some of it is beneficial to hear the person out.
- 236. Upgrading technology with tablets, make programs & school accessible to those with more time and more yard plus visitations. Adequate mental health workers!!
- 237. [ILLEGIBLE]/Does it matter?
- 238. Offer schooling to rehabilitate for working back to society.
- 239. Over all maintenance needs to happen, the buildings Roofs cave in. Things that are not food, like rats are found in the cooking vat's. Nutrition is a joke!! Dietary over haul needs to happen!!!
- 240. more things to do, more class. Things and class that bring positive in live
- 241. Staff needs to be trained how to treat human beings.
- 242. More available programs. Less understaffed lockdowns.
- 243. MORE PROGRAMMING. COLLECTIVE RESOLUTION OF ISSUES
- 244. Get more staff
- 245. Shut it down
- 246. Put phones on tablets, Get outside people to hear tickets written by officers, Don't let the commissary people tell the Sgt. Or Lts. Who can go to the store. Rebuild the housing units. Train the C/O's better.
- 247. Program and drug programs
- 248. More accountability towards officers, outside counselors, harsher treatment against inmates that act out sexually against or towards female officers.
- 249. Have outside sources with no contact or Association with IDOC come in survey and speak with Individuals specifically the workers and also to Hold Hearing on grievance process and come in from The outside To Hear any and all Disciplinary reports cuz we have no chance when counselors and Staff watch out for each other
- 250. Overhaul the way they do things + fix the buildings, cable system, roofs, windows
- 251. Hire New Wardens And Replace the Head of I.A. Make them give us compatible cellies And Add 4 phones to every unit.
- 252. Investigate The Staff And Find Out Were The Funds Are going.
- 253. Hire a Lts crew that cares about Doing his job stop hiring officers to do the job, commissary sell Quality shoes an clothing that last more then a month, grievances be take seriously have a out side person address them.

- 254. We Need Better food, Not just when people show up from Springfield. Locked up all day and night, what motivation do I have to get a Job being fat and lazy
- 255. Better and more Food
- 256. Turn into 100% Treatment center—with Freedom in Realistic sight.
- 257. STATE legislators should visit Incarcerated prisoners 1 or 2 times A year
- 258. For officers to do their jobs
- 259. Having phones on tablets. Issue out free tablets, write-outs (state), and pens. To curb violence over phones. If the institution did more on tablets (violence would be less). Also, more programs.
- 260. To start securus phone on the tablets so that inmates are more satisfied with talking to their loved ones.
- 261. I suggest that the organization change it's culture and deal with people as they show themselves not as the charge reads. For most cases were isolated incidents so you should deal with people as such.
- 262. My strong suggestion is to put the telephones on the tablets in order to prevent a lot of chaos and drama that stems from people in gangs running the phone not allowing everyone a chance to frequently stay in touch with their loved ones, violence would drastically decrease with phones on everyones tablet like they had promised us at one time but never came through.
- 263. STAFF NEEDS TO BE RETRAINED WITH BETTER HUMAN INTERACTION SKILLS TO UNDERSTAND THAT NOT EVERYONE IS THE SAME; AND AN INDIVIDUAL'S PAST ERRORS/MISTAKES DOES NOT DEFINE WHO HE IS. ALSO, A BETTER GRIEVANCE SYSTEM (OMNIBUS) THAT WHEN A COMPLAINT IS FILED AGAINST STAFF FOR RACIAL—OR ANY OTHER—DISCRIMINATION IT BE TAKEN SERIOUS AND ACTION BE TAKEN
- 264. more staff so we can have all of our movement. Better food, clothes, shoes, cleaner showers. Remove all the mold on the walls. Better conditions in the Kitchen. Better equipment for the workers, on the tray room, pots and pans area.
- 265. More programs, school, religious services. More yard, more food, more encouragement and incentive from staff. They need to give priority to inmates that have more time to do instead of those with less time. Those with more time will benefit the most. Those with less time will more likely be back quickly.
- 266. Better Staff
- 267. remodeling and more yard, school and open up the gym room
- 268. 1. Training on incarcerated individuals rights and how to protect them. 2. Oversight of Healthcare staff attitude towards patients and decisions made for their care. 3. Retaliation claim oversight by outside individuals not related to staff in any way. Also equal opportunity for Jobs and school for those whom have earned it regardless of their type of case. 4. Maintenance of Housing units prior to total degradation. 5. Schooling—Training available to all individuals not just those with short release dates. 6. Electronic mail service to eliminate the extensive problem of K2 smoking.
- 269. MORE OPPORTUNITIES
- 270. To have a system of checks and balances for the staff to be accountable for their actions.

- 271. we need help right now Please in Jesus Name Amen!
- 272. To many Older Inmates who Do not Need any more Rehabilitation. Improved Decisions in health care. Stop staff From Taking Tax Payer money given for Inmate's. allow more classes For Rehabilitation + Good Time. Hire more officers.
- 273. Expand the services on the tablet along with the WiFi signal. Make the tablet more useful than Just games and music. For example: Put phone service on it. Put the Khan Academy unit for individual study. Put a word editor for notes. I know its to much to Ask for a printer on deck but the typewriter is Just to old. Basically we have a Tablet with no Power.
- 274. Create an inmate council in order to hear from us what our real issues are.
- 275. Put Phones on the tablets!
- 276. Improved Religious Services
- 277. More programs for re-Entry into society. Update living Quarters, better ventilation for outdated living units, better Quality of foods, with proteins, minerals to Stay Healthy.
- 278. CONTINUOUS PRAYER. I THINK IF THE WARDENS—EVERY ONE OF THEM ALL AT THE SAME TIME MADE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE FACILITY, ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAPLAIN AND LISTENED AND BECAME MORE ACTIVE ABOUT THE CONCERNS OF THE INDIVDIUALS IN CUSTODY, THIS WOULD START TO BE A BETTER PLACE.
- 279. Crippled I Am Don't no At All.
- 280. More honest staff control and Less catering to gangs.
- 281. Close it down or let the feds take over or learn to reward good behavior with better incentives instead of rewarding bad behavior
- 282. EVERYONE GETS TWO PHONE CALL A DAY, NO MORE, FOOD DONATIONS ARE GIVEN TO THE PRISON, PROGRAMS TO HELP INDIVIDUALS PLAN DOC RELEASE
- 283. send me to KEWANEE And close Dixon Down cuz it's going Down ANYWAY
- 284. Better access to mental health that actually cares about you & what you're going through. More out of cell time without having to go to a cage for dayroom where we come out 5 at a time. Yard at least twice a week, we haven't been outside in months.
- 285. Seg Cuts For Long Term Seg/BMU Program in Dixon Seg
- 286. More Programs for each and Every one here at Dixon C.C. Medical issues are a mess, the dietary is a mess. The whole administration is a mess.
- 287. BEGIN AT THE TOP, WITH LEADERSHIP. THERE IS NO CONSISTANCY BETWEEN OFFICERS, EVERY SHIFT SOMETHING DIFFERENT. RULES CHANGE AND APPLIED WHEN CONVENIENT RAISING ANXIETY AND AGGRESSION. MENTAL HEALTH IN MY OBSERVATION IS A JOKE SOLVED BY MEDICATION ABUSE AND NOT GUIDANCE OR COUNSELING.
- 288. Staff Conduct, Rehabilitative Programs For ALL OFFENDERS. A FAIR Grievance system. Food, Clothing, Yard, gym, cell Houses ARE like abandoned Buildings. BLACK MOLD. Holes in Ceilings. Broken windows
- 289. Unable to answer, don't have better Info on this prison and I've been here 4 years and more

- 290. MORE PHONES, REPAIR CABLE SYSTEM IN EVERY HOUSING UNIT, GIVE US YARD & GYM, MORE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, BETTER WIFI FOR OUR TABLETS, BETTER ACCESS TO COMMISSARY & BETTER PRODUCTS, TAKE THOSE SHIELDS OFF THE TABLE IN THE VISITING ROOM. LONGER VISITS
- 291. To Be Safe
- 292. Feed us like an adult instead of a 5 year old, one slice of cheese and one sandwich or 4 chicken nuggets is not enough. Open The gym for use and more Than one yard every 3 weeks.
- 293. The Officers Union come out against anything that might bring Peace + harmony in I.D.O.C in the interest of Keeping officers employed. The more chaos, the more Jobs for officers. End that and all of the chaos in I.D.O.C.
- 294. More CLASS'S, better Food, More YARD
- 295. They or it needs someone to make staff do their jobs. A more hands on type warden
- 296. Let us go. 25 yrs in here.
- 297. Allow me to earn good time So I can get my sentence Reduce to get out sooner. Because I wrote a grievance on the Law Library the woman [STAFF NAME REDACTED] will not Let me come there once per week like she does for the other prisoners.
- 298. A full overhaul of staff hierarchy from top to bottom.
- 299. It's A broken system that's corrupt, oppressive and inhumane. The only way to improve the prisons in Illinois is by changing the LAWS to REVERSE THE CURSE.
- 300. To many people are dying in Healthcare
- 301. To really put the time and people "staff" fit for the job, programs activities. Not just posted but on paper
- 302. close it down, get more programs for reentry
- 303. too stressful to have clear mind to think of improvements
- 304. A congressional investigation of the I.D.O.C., and III. State Police, and U.S. Marshalls Office, and Dept. of Justice and The Corrupt III. Federal courts and Federal Appellate court and Illinois Attorney General's Office, the secretly Appointed.
- 305. More phones and ways to connect with support and loved ones, more mandatory reentry preparedness training and resources, more public exposure from outside entities—showing humanitarian violations
- 306. Allow more art supplies For Artists to the items For inmates who want to be positives and creative, more programs to better ourselves + our environment. More maintenance on The building + heat + cable—or even an antenna put up to get air channels—we get None At All!
- 307. more & better training for staff, single men cells. More educational and programming opportunities, Better chow and Comm. Options. Yard + gym + activities to stay healthy
- 308. Better educational programs.
- 309. Allow us Access to phone calls on the G.T.L Tablet and Law Library access to research our case, by the Tablet As was promised before we paid for them.
- 310. COMMISSARY CAN BE RAN WEEKLY. YARD CAN BE GIVEN EVERYDAY (DAILY). GYM CAN OPEN UP (NO GYM SINCE 2020). MORE SCHOOLING OR CLASSES.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO BETTER ONE SELF. VISITS HAVE PLEXIGLAS FOR NO REASON.

- 311. To repeal the truth-in-sentencing Act. It will improve All prisons.
- 312. Close it down and start from scratch
- 313. To HAVE Inmates Have they girlfriend come give Them Sex 1 once A month based on they Behavior :) Prison Basketball games And treating it As Live entertainment so it can Be A Playoff the A championship Like live NBA And what ever time win get 1 Year good time And A pack of cigarettes For each Player
- 314. May be get programs and trades for people To help people on there release
- 315. Yes, Please have The staff here treat the residents with at least The same care and respect. That the animals at The local dog pound receive. And Treat injuries + sickness BEFORE it's impossible to reverse its effects! Many now dead or left lame!
- 316. Far As Dayrooms: Do An Couple Rooms An Time During 1st and 2nd shift Because those Room can Really Hurt The Soul And Spirit At times. But most of All It there Two staff on An Housing unit Those Inmates should Be on Lockdown Because other Housing units staff Didnt show up To work Honesty.
- 317. SAME NATIONALITY, PRISON'S
- 318. We Need School, we need recreation daily. Staff Need Social Skill training. Get rid of the toxic Staff. It's clear to see who they are/A Fair Adjustment committee and grievance process, Not their co-workers. And program and Job's.
- 319. Close this Prison DOWN!
- 320. To have more **[ILLEGIBLE]** it's a big problem with the phone, some people use the phone like "5 times" each day, it's people that if you lucky used ones a week!!!
- 321. NONE
- 322. More time out the cell. Board games, card games, maybe a video game.
- 323. FILING LAWSUITS TO CHANGE
- 324. ENFORCE THE LAWS OF THIS COUNTY.
- 325. Here better qualified personal—the union make sure they make a good wage for what they know and do. Buildings are old and drafty No Water fountain or Ice Machine were removed. No Gym
- 326. 730 ILCS 5/5-5-5(e)(g). 31 USCS 3544.1306(a) 1771 \$1,000,000.00 (FAILURE TO MAKE JHA A MEMBER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, UNDER FOREIGN SURVEILANCE ACT OF 1978, A LOT OF PRISON HAVE BEEN SET-UP WITH MICHAEL & LISA MADIGAN
- 327. To improve the relation between inmates and staff. For staff to redirect their resources and energies into providing education opportunities, Programs, jobs, vocational training, and alternatives to punishment. **[NAME REDACTED]** who hosts a program here called Freedom From Within, has helped keep people out of trouble and helped rehabilitate more people than segregation ever could.
- 328. the officers Are very lazy And they try to lock us Down in order for them to receive extra Resting time. They Believe it we Are locked-in that is less work for them.
- 329. First, get the Dental Dept. to do teeth cleaning! Make sure everybody gets TWO Commissary visits per month. Requests for mental health should NOT be broadcast across the whole unit!!

- 330. For the staff to treat inmates As human being And not just inmates.
- 331. more program's more officer's more yard Etc...
- 332. CHANGE THE WHOLE SYSTEM, GIVE INCENTIVES FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR. MORE STAFF SO WE CAN HAVE MORE STUFF TO DO
- 333. A significant number of jobs.
- 334. Respect
- 335. Get better schooling more employees & more yard/gym. Gym has been closed for 2 Years now.
- 336. THE STAFF CAN BE UNDERSTANDING TO EVERYONE...SICK, MENTAL, OTHER
- 337. translators for people who don't speak the language, programs
- 338. Hire MORE STAFF and increase programming to all inmates.
- 339. I Don't Know
- 340. I suggest that phones be placed on The tablet to stop all the fighting, I suggest we get heat in the Winter and air in the Summer, I suggest that tickets are reviewed by an outside source and we be allowed To prove our innocence.
- 341. That we have an independent Grievance and Counselor Committee. Officer "acting as counselors." if I write a Grievance about their fellow officer. Its automatically denied. I was given a ticket for a medical device after back surgery. The health care told them I have a permit, yet I was found guilty. Also we have molds and the roofs falling in. in some units.
- 342. SHUT it DOWN.
- 343. Hire more people to work. Get more program for incarcerated individuals to use time productively. Get Better items for commissary. Get more bilingual people on staff/bilingual programming (school, work, etc)
- 344. Bring back the old Warden **[NAME REDACTED]**, And let her run this prison the way she use to. And put the phone App on the tablet. That will help keep the conflict over the phone down! Give the Good time credit to those of us who has more than a year left to do. Also get Rid of G.T. L. their system suck! It causes more headache than Anything.
- 345. I believe we as individual in custody should be heard by the director himself By allowing us to talk with him & the Wardens at least once a month. But also not let the Grievance an ticket committee always against us. There has to be a Better Solution.
- 346. everything need a change
- 347. This facility should be the crowning jewel in the IDOC hat. It used to be a place where people had to earn their way in order to get here. Now they are turning it into a s**t hole. There is little to no programming and the Sex offender treatment has been eliminated. Which is crazy because many sex offenders who could earn good time are not able because of the lack of programming.
- 348. Give everyone equal opportunity to educate themselves or rehab themselves no matter how closer their outdates are.
- 349. more staff, more educational programs. All transfers to drug programs.
- 350. PROGRAMS!
- 351. change the criteria, and allow guys to get into classes despite the time they have on their sentence.

- 352. Better programs bring back the old yard and gym schedules better food and cable. Also better commissary and Give People their Good Time
- 353. Food, yard, program, Jobs, Visit's & Living conditions!
- 354. lots, food, store, school etc.
- 355. Hire new staff and train & maintain them properly
- 356. Well trained Outside help to Replace to Counselors And not Making ex officers Counselors they don't make good advocates for us
- 357. more opportunities
- 358. BLACKS HAS NO Rights Here
- 359. Give good time specially us who are 50%. more phones, open gym up and more yard time
- 360. Department heads and staff members who hold titles need to be held accountable for the office or official capacity they occupy.
- 361. Need more yard and gym to relieve stress! The cable system is broken. We don't have a supplier for new movies. These thing are needed to Keep occupied. Need more schooling!
- 362. That Staff Be more Proactive in the day activities
- 363. For Staff To Be Reprimanded When They Do Something Wrong Or Disrespect An Inmate Verbally.
- 364. fix yard schedules and improve dietary meals
- 365. We Live Here So We Should Be Able To Do Whatever We Want inside the Prison
- 366. Improve the quality + quantity of food. Give us more yard time. We have not been getting much yard.
- 367. Single-man cells
- 368. It doesn't matter if I behave properly, this prison continuously puts us on lockdown Every Weekend without fail. Officers call off because they don't want to work and we suffer. We very seldom have yard for physical exercise also its frustrating and unhealthy for my mental stability.
- 369. More security no Rules here
- 370. Stay-out, Because Prison will Always Be Prison.
- 371. There Should Be More Access To Jobs, School, Programs And Vocational Classes.
- 372. get More Phones in Day room get Phones on the tablets and get us more food at chow because were starving
- 373. CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS NEED COUNSELING TRAINING OR SENSITIVITY TRAINING, INCENTIVIZED (TIME & SETENCE REDUCTION) TO ENCOURAGE TRUE REHABILITATION BACK INTO SOCIETY.
- 374. Actual Classes to deal with Individual issues a real Group in Charge of hearing Complaints on Inmates and staff and help when needed, Actual food distributions and meal Supervisors to ensure the trays are filled for Adults and Properly Portioned, Committee on Staff Behavior.
- 375. To run yard or gym. To shop us more than once a month.
- 376. More Phones, Opening the Gym Back up, At least three Yards a week and More Care in making the meals Also Outside support with the adjustment committee, someone who's not covering for a friend or coworker

- 377. Staff need to take more control over the Inmates, and make more frequent round, to survey the unit to minimize violence and to stop sexual Abuse or suicides.
- 378. Board of health. Trained officers. New things such as environmental structure. Programming. A lot of Alternatives. Good time.
- 379. Let People get in school and work jobs. More Commissary Available and Better Dietary food.
- 380. God Over All!
- School, Programs, food, Commissary, Jobs, Phones, security. Security Level, and good time. Also more staff
- 382. more yards and more phone for a house unit because we only have 8 and is not good for 148 people here and the gangs run the phone
- 383. I believe the officers & Medical staff need more training to deescalate situations & Just treat people with respect. Respect goes a long way. We would like to be treated humane.
- 384. EVERYTHING
- 385. To have yard. To have individual therapy. To have gym + weight room
- 386. TO RESPECT INDIVIDUALS IN CUSTODY HERE AND PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE AS A WHOLE AND PROVIDE MORE OFFICERS TO ENSURE SAFETY AND ABIDE BY THE LAW AND NOT VIOLATE OUR RIGHTS.
- 387. For People to wake Up In Come As one And get the help we need & to get Dixon close?
- 388. Govern the phone calls and stop letting gangs run the phones...
- 389. Burn it down and piss on the ashes if that wont work fix the cable, the buildings, the roofs that leak and the food they give us and get better commissary.
- 390. Better food. Better Phone Management (make sure everyone can use it daily). More programs and choices for good time.
- 391. when they let us go home.
- 392. GIVE MORE PROGRAMS/YARD TO IMPROVE LIFE HERE.
- 393. SHUT DOWN
- 394. Close monitoring of Staff conduct; Better food; Sticking to the schedules for a yard and opening up the Gym. The Gym has been closed since the End of 2019. Getting more programs and educational opportunities.
- 395. Send undercover police in to help stop the C/O's From Doing wrong and make them give us what we have coming. Please!
- 396. REMEMOVE TOTAL CONTROL OF Illinois UNION'S!!
- 397. I don't know where to begin. Id say better and more adequate Mental Health Treatment
- 398. MORE TRAINING THE OFFICERS TO DEAL WITH MENTAL HEALTH SIUATIONS AND MAKE ROUNDS TO SEE EVERYONE TO FIND THEIR HEAD SPACE.
- 399. Better living condition, Better food, Better medical staff, and Better staff training. Also we need outside Agency dealing with our Grievances and hearing the Disciplinary Reports Civilian.
- 400. Treating everyone the same when it come to getting jobs, religious service, or schooling.

401. FIND A WAY TO IMPROVE TEMP. CONTROL IN CELLS. INCREASE NO. OF YARDS/WK. MORE FREQUENT BLOOD PRESS. CHECKS FOR ELDERLY.

Q15. Please write any other comments or feedback on this survey below.

- 1. I'm not A Juvenile Offender Anymore; I'm A Individual Adult
- 2. Thank you...I wish this place would have a similar Comprehensive approach. The answer to the problem is in the room, however, we are treated as property. Love Is Better
- 3. I hope that what i have put on this paper it makes a difference on the real, because i don't know who can make it happen but someone really need to sit back and look at Dixon CC. To whoever it may be have a nice day
- 4. if you put the phone on the tablet the problems in prison will decrease and people can call family instead of gangbanging all Day over the phone. There will never Be enough Phones for everyone in here
- 5. First, we really thank, John Howard, for always looking on matters in prisons. And I hope John Howard, keep being, the Gate keeper of Prisons. And Please look into why the Parole Board, have not look into prisoners who have gone for over 20 years and more. We deserve a second chance at Freedom too!
- 6. Cant use telephones if your not gang related. no yard or exercise.
- 7. I am a political prisoner being tortured and unlawfully detained in state prison on False Charges 30 years past my Court appointed discharge date my scheduled sentenced release date & time of Legal detention has expired. I'm am being unlawfully detained in state prison by a conspiracy of the F.B.I. illegal "cointelpro" program, the U.S. Marshall's office, the Federal Courts, and Federal Appellate Courts, the I.D.O.C., and the Democrat political party. All of the above said Organizations are Nazi's, spys, and Ku-Klux-Klansmen, and Undercover Homosexuals, and bisexual sexual predators. And terrorist and traitors who have committed High-Treason to get in power, and stay in power, and keep me in state prison and murder me to silence me and cover it up. They denied me my first right of Appeal on a trumped-up Jury trial Verdict. and are Blocking all my Attempts at recruitment of counsel and to File A Federal Civil rights lawsuit about this illegal cointelpro (counter intelligence program) Hate crime they are doing to me (state terrorism). They even denied me my First right of appeal on a Jury trial Verdict, in this criminal intent to commit False imprisonment and Deny me equal protection of the law. and Deny me Due process of the law. and carry out "State Terrorism" on a U.S. citizen and impede investigation into my False imprisonment and continued 48 year unlawful detention in state prison and murder they have planned for me. Former U.S. president Donald J. Trump ain't lieing, he was right, they do have a Secret, Underground, Shadow, Fascist, Deep-State Government running this country's Government. And what they did to me isn't corruption and incompetence! This is "High

Treason" and "murder" under colour of law, or a INNOCENT SON of the pioneers of this country. My family and ancestor's did not migrate here from somewhere else...I'm not no God-damn immigrant my Family helped build this Country From Nothing but Wilderness and Owned it before the Mayflower of 1620 A.D. Signed: John Doe American citizen

- 8. help with non gangbangers getting on phone
- 9. This prison not treating us fair at all. they need to expose on what they doing to us. Also my name **[NAME REDACTED]**. I'm not afraid to speak out
- 10. Let us Go
- 11. you all at J.H.A Haven't been holding ILL Lawmakers accountable for their over promises and under performances! Get your shit together
- 12. Well my Goal is to get out an take care of my grandson and be a Father to my daughter and get a job and do me and I will be Happy in Life. My name is NAME REDACTED] in [ADRESS REDACTED] Holla back at me soon as you get this I do want soon feed back from you Thank you Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving and be safe out there. I Holla
- 13. 85 percenters cant get good time here. I have 12 years working in IDOC and get no credit.
- 14. enforce the LTS Dpt. to play donated movies. Not porn or playboy, I mean movies. I Dont Know How many times my people send a movie and It Never get played. He plays the same Rotation of movies Ive seen the same movie 4-Time in the 3 Yrs Ive Ben Here Among some others. "Please" and thank you
- 15. 1. (The) Mail is being with-held. or going to other Residents. 2. Transfers are being post-poned. 3. Laws and Rules beneficial to the inmates are being disregarded (such as inmate trust fund disbursements/receipting) 4. Dayroom is being done in cages. (No different Than Pontiac or before Rasho.) 5. Bio-electromagnetic weapons are being used exorbitantly, inside these prisons 6. Legal mail/Remedies are being thwarted, implants are being placed in the facilities to surveil/intimidate residents and assist in the former. (People are ultimately being held in prison, bogusly.)
- 16. I Have no feedback all I see is Policies I Hope you understand me I'm under A Alias Name I'm A Marine from U.S. Army I Hope You Can Right Me Back I like these Questions Can You send more it's the Holla Day's Coming up so I send my Love so A Happy Thanksgiving An A Marry Christmas An A Happy New Year From [NAME REDACTED]P.S What Problem Do I Have the Inmates is taking about me Because I live off A State Pay I Be the Big man An Walk away from them my family Is the [FAMILY NAME REDACTED]so can You Pray for me is [NAME REDACTED] thats my Real Name I'm under A Alias Name
- 17. It seems like anything that is good for us, the institution is against. We are constantly stressed by the conditions here as we are given the bare minimum in all aspects of mental health and physical well being. The only good we get is if it more beneficial to staff or IDOC. PLEASE HELP US
- I'm really disappointed in provisions and representation of I.D.O.C. to provide resources and practices to rehabilitate individuals in custody at Dixon C.C. specifically STC placement. How can we say corrections has been achieved when there's no

afforded or available programs or limited access. I'm only in the same condition I arrived in other then self-improvement. Truthfully vowed to be honest testimony.

- 19. This prison lacks a good administration. They all hate inmates and even each other. This place is messy and full of gossip amongst officers and other staff. If a officer does his job, he's consider a inmate lover and treated badly by other officers. The whole place is depressing. People leave here hating officers and not caring about life. They go home worst then they came in. They don't want programs here. They want us to get so frustrated that we act like animals out of our anger and they can say to others to treat us "all" like animals. These people will kill you here. They don't see us as human. And it is very much racist here. Even amongst the hiring of inmates. Whites are giving the jobs. I live in a building and out of six worker, five are white, and one is latino. They would try to treat bad just cause they are in a bad mood. Please, Please, Please help us here. We are suffering here. And things can easily be fix if someone just cared enough to fight for us...
- 20. when JHA or springfield is on the grounds everything runs smoothly we are feed well ext. ext. But as soon as they leave everything goes back to b.s.
- 21. Prison is no place for a person to be that's not trying to hurt or kill anyone environment cause individuals to act or do what they do to live.
- 22. It's a shame that this surely wont change the way this place is run because as long as majority of the current staff work here any new staff who start fresh will only have 2 options go along with how its always been or we will place you in the worst posts available until you quit.
- 23. I.D.O.C has shown deliberate indifference when it comes to inmates making phone calls. They have the ability to put phones on our tablets and refuse to do it. they rather watch us beat one another over the limited phones we have. My building 100 inmates 8 phones, Dixon admin said "no", they want us hurting one another. Family connections is what inspires CHANGE
- 24. Grievance process is criminally & civilly obstructive. No relief at all possible, long-year responses with irrelevant responses to obstruct the relief process. They state their 100 staff short, looking us down often, no fresh air or sun, caged in a 10 foot cage for a one hour dayroom. Hostile & dangerous environment, lots of misconduct and safety violations, endangerment, violence, no safety. Inadequate, untimely medical/dental treatments, takes months up to a year to get treatment, extreme suffering. Dental has 2 dentists one day a month for 1500 inmates, no filings, they force us to wait till it rots and needs extractions only
- 25. I hate it here. They don't want to get short times out. They house us to get paid off us. They don't do their job. I hate it here! My time is harder each and everyday please help me.
- 26. I do not condone in extorting, bulling, stealing, or even fighting. I know everybody claims they are innocent but, I actually am, even though the state believed the "victim" because of maybe my rap sheet. I see a lot of this in here and I have been one of those victims to it for so many years I finally had enough of trying to get help from staff or even mental health. I do not want to ever come back into the prison system, if I even get out due to the [SENTENCING DETAILS REDACTED]. I don't wish prison or death

on anybody but the way these blacks or hispanics talk or treat white people like me badly. They are always saying it's my fault that their ancestors were put into slavery and I have to do what they tell me to (or) else they will stomp me out for "disrespecting them." I can't even keep my commissary and no staff, LTD, major, or SGT will help me. Not even mental health. These people go home every night and don't care about my wellbeing. IA and the committee punish me for trying to keep myself safe and refuse to come out of restrictive housing. I am in Dixon CC. I am aware you said not to put my name down, I have nobody (no support) on the outside to ask for help. I don't know what you can do for me but I'm tired of being raped and nobody will help me, I'm tired of being tortured and I will not be coming out of restrictive housing unless it is time to be released. I'm scared and feel like the whole world is out to get me including this institution. My grievances get torn up, as well my mail (or at least that is what I believe). I never get a response back from anybody.

- 27. Expand/increase content use and application of services on tablet to improve on areas of deficiency within IDOC, education, religious services, etc
- 28. This prison let people did so what do you think
- 29. I wish there wear conjugal visits
- 30. We all need help prison suck
- The counselor here to do not know what there doing here. They go from being officer 31. to counselor and they mindset is still the same, that we are here to serve time and they don't help us at all other than putting in a phone list or visiting list. They get irritated if we keep asking them the same question that they didn't answer for us or they take they time doing things and blame it on being understaffed or plain out lie to us just so we leave them alone. They've gotten a lot of us denied for EDSC from putting us in to early and then when we asking for case plan's they tell us we can't ask for them that we have to be picked or deny us of referring us to receive some EDSC after receiving as case plan and has been placed on a waiting list and is within a year of our MSR outdate and tell us we have to finish our case plan before they refer us or lie to us and say we're been placed on the waiting list to be reviewed but never receive anything. You can't even get a transfer from here. It's people here that's been approved for transfer over 9 months and still can't leave here so they can better they're selve before they release back into society. You have to rely on your outside support for any real help or do it yourself as I'm doing now.
- 32. Thank-you for all your efforts. Pray for everyone. Life is rough. I know it's time for me to retire at **[40+]** years of age. I know I need help.
- 33. The John Howard Association really does nothing to better the situation in these prisons. It just goes through the motions
- 34. Dixon correctional center is a joint that is falling apart only a few buildings have new roofs or indoors don't open or close summer is too hot and winter is cold
- 35. Y'all need to investigate all these officers, even A/I
- 36. Springfield need to do under cover operation just to see how Dixon run this place
- 37. Prisoners need to be paid more for the jobs we do we even do the staff work for them and they get paid for it. What we really need is a 100 days in to show what really goes on in prison. That's a show on A&E that does just that "check it out"

- 38. Lack of phone access has been an extreme source of violence here at this prison for years! We really could use access to phone services on our tablets.
- 39. Thanks for taking time to do this but it only matters if something good comes out of it other than that its a waste of time
- 40. Burn this shit hole clean down to the ground.
- 41. The counselors here dont have any answers to anything that is asked. You have to beg them to have anything done and even then they either dont do it or do it wrong. This prison (Dixon) should be closed because everything is falling apart. There is no order to do anything. I've never had a rule book since I've been here, but it wouldn't matter anyway because the rules are set from what officer is working that day There are cameras but are only useful if the staff wants them to be. If a staff lies on you and the camera can prove it they wont check it.
- 42. We need to be allowed to go to the gym and yard weekly. Better food needs to be served and more options on commissary and no spending limit. We should have phones on our tablets. We should have better medical treatment. We should be able to talk to the warden at least twice a month. More good time programs should be available. And people should be able to get transferred to other prisons if they want to. This prison needs to be under investigation by the FBI or some higher ups.
- 43. Would be cool to order outside food like some countys do once a week w/pizza hut, subway, mcdonalds, etc...
- 44. Dixon prison in Illinois is in real bad shape by everything need work done to improve it and to do that will take a lot of money
- 45. To be honest, from what I see this prison is home to a lot of LGBT type of people, I was told that upon arrival. I on the other hand am heterosexual. They need more female staff. I say this because those are the only ones who seem to help or care about me, their presence alone can help calm and control male prisoners, the guards only are here for watch and barely do a good job at that. They always put us on lockdown do to lack of or understaffed. Next the inmates here show favoritism and more respect toward male staff and disrespect toward women mostly from what I seen or heard. So the hiring of more female staff should change that teaching inmates how to talk to and deal with female. Lastly they need to treat people, like myself who identify as heterosexual with respect and equality. People have told me they hate me, tried to change me, and not allowed me the other quality privileges of others all because how I was born only liking and being sexually attracted to only women.
- 46. Hire enough staff to efficiently run the programs to help rehabilitate individuals in custody to return them to society. Programs such as computer classes, trade courses, training in areas to prepare them for re-entry.
- 47. We need appropriate responses concerning from IDOC staff on fully adhering to the laws) That will re-enter us back into society with family, friends + communities: Need counselors that will help us/not police us, if that is the case let them continue to be officer when they (counselors) are doing overtime as: Dying here under this system:
- 48. bring prices down on commissary
- 49. I have been here for 3 months, I only have 2 year to do. Worst prison ever, I was in Wisconsin did a year food good plenty of yard time good movement.

- 50. If D.O.C. allowed inmates to order their own commissary from a much wider variety of items from an outside vendor + allowed us to purchase the type of property (T.V, fan, clothes, etc.) available from those vendors which we choose according to what we as individuals can afford. If phones were available on the tablets and wifi was available through the entire housing unit which it currently is not.
- 51. Stop the warden's from lieing face to face. Make better a positive grievance system even if the staff is wrong. Give out more good time for good behavior. Stop incarcerated from getting info on other incarcerated. Punish staff member for giving info on incarcerated.
- 52. This prison need to be more consistent with the rules with staff and individual locked up
- 53. Stop the racism, hire more people of color! Independent Checks & balances!
- 54. The prison problems start with the people outside who just want "justice" for the wrongs done to them, that is revenge, that just makes everybody more bitter and angry. Try to emulate more the European penal systems with less prisons for less crimes and less punishment. It works better.
- 55. I want to know how much can you take home.
- 56. This survey was good" I like it! thank you...
- 57. Romans Chapter 13, Holy Bible "(obey the authorities!)" Thank God for Corrections!
- 58. This was a great survey, please know I put thought into these questions, and was honest please take the time to look at this one as truthful and not trying to down this prison. Thank you and god bless.
- 59. They should pair up individuals that are like minded and have the same idea for success on release. Larger portions of food. Discipline based on behavior not CO's mood of the day
- 60. Please help do something about mandatory 4 hour mon-fri law library. 8:30-11:00 is 2 hours 15 min on Fridays, and sent print request are only replied on Fridays, if Jail/prison, had better law library "Oversight" the population would decrease. The law library as is now is an arm of the state, its poorly regulated for The same Reason. The law library should be run by an inde-outside org. See The New Jim Crow
- 61. I know that nothing is going to change, but they need to make it so inmates can use the online GTL Service in there cells since we are paying for GTL Service
- 62. This is an emergency. Let the feds, run this place & not Dixon C/os or any other staff. We are treated super less than humans!!!! P.S. Springfield, Don't care neither, about Grievance or Anything ELSE!!!
- 63. There is no motivation or goals for life without parole inmates. They should bring back life with parole after 25 years of your sentence. Have parole hearings for people who are 50 years old and have served 25 years. The majority of these inmates are no longer a danger to society. If you think the inmate is still dangerous just life without parole and 85 years. 100%, I will be [50+] years old in [MONTH REDACTED] and have been in [20+] years. I can be treated to at least be given a parole hearing every two or three years, At least give me something to look forward to and have hope for and work for. I don't want to get married again im in for [CONVICTION DETAILS REDACTED]. I don't care about money anymore and I don't want to have a relationship with a woman

again. I'm a danger to no one. i just want a parole until the day I die in prison. Just give me something to look forward to and motivation to stay out of trouble. Thank you.

- 64. This facility is not providing ASL Counselor, a counselor suppose to help deaf to success. and they don't have time to take us assistance us and facility needs programs, and treatments. For examples, in my case: Sex treatment, parenting programs. School GED diploma, college, and work to have money when I am served out date. To have money when I get out, and have a "LLC" I wants to be a successful when I done served.
- 65. Inmate activities and movement are constantly cancelled with the same, lame old excuse. "Lack of staff". You'd think, with the salary these people are making, they could make it work.
- 66. Dixon Correctional Center and IDOC through their contract with the Global Tel link Corporation (GTL) / Viapath. Intentionally cheats and deceives JTC prisoners out their pre-paid tablet services, they don't enforce the contract. I have had to file numerous lawsuits against IDOC's conduct in Lee county and Sangamon county. [NAME AND ID REDACTED]] Dixon Correctional Center, 2600 N Brinton Ave., Dixon, IL, 6102
- 67. Thank you for giving us a way to let the outside world know what's going on behind these walls because if not for this the world never know because the only time they want to do things right is when someone from Springfield visit so they cover up everything they do for the day to make it look good then they go back to being inhumane when the officials have gone.
- 68. Housing should be arranged for (1) the elderly, (2) trouble makers, (3) homosexuals and never the 3 groups housed together (like co-ed).
- 69. None
- 70. These people are nuts!!! Straight up insane its not right, I want out
- 71. Dixon correctional center should be shut down or turn to all Mental health for the incarcerated.
- 72. Some of the healthcare staff treats us unhuman and just yells at us for stuff that security staff should handle, and people in wheelchairs that can not walk should be able to not wear the blue state pants because it is hard for us to get dressed!
- 73. look let us have a 2nd chance If I go home in 18 months! Let me go home on house arrest or something please!
- 74. I feel that Dixon CC should feed the inmate better because you see people left from right with diabetes that mean dietary need to start feeding us right it wouldn't be that many in Dietary. Staff conduct the command staff here at Dixon be setting inmates up for failure They will always put the inmates back in the same building after they just had been in a fight I been assaulted with **[DETAILS REDACTED]** by a inmate and the LT. was about to put me back in the same building with him!! Thats why I said they need body footage to see whats taking place!! **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
- 75. We need an advocate down here for inmates!
- 76. The dishwasher in Dixon hasn't work in months. Yet they still use the trays not properly cleaning them in the level of hot water the trays are suppose to be washed + rinsed in. But this is known to Springfield + like I said this administration is to powerful to get any improvement.

- 77. I think that this and other prisons need more pressure from the people that is supposed to be in charge. Springfield. to make sure that thing get done correctly. and to oversee the way we as people are treated. Feeded.
- 78. It's a waste of time because nothing is gonna change, your not gonna help us, your case load is packed and other bullshit story's you say.
- 79. Mental health need improvement/they dont do shit they listen to C/Os. Not here for us. We not getting no treatment, no programs for the mental + health individuals. You only see mental health staff when crisis are called. They not letting any female staff come talk to none of us back here in the X-house RTU. All men with no Degrees around all us individual back here in RTU. Working around people with mental health issues if you need a degree to work at JTC should need a degree to work here at Dixon RTU around SMI Individual but no one give a fuck.
- 80. The training for staff needs to be focused on problem solving and not being corrupted by the prisoners. In this insitution several female staffers have been targeted by the prisoners and developed inappropriate relationships with them that caused them to either be fired or forced to resign. They are the victims. All prisoners have time to do is get up and think of ways to trick the staff. Then when they tell on the staff they have corrupted the prisoner is rewarded, it is not right.
- 81. There are to many suggestions that I won't list here
- 82. To help each other other than self. And to love god first and jesus and others
- 83. White & black are statuses not people. Black status was given under the 14th amendment US Citizenship, to detach Moors from their ancestral estate. The US is in commercial and administrative default to the Constitution for the United States of America and the Treaty's made 1787/1791.
- 84. This facility is not for individuals that have done, or are doing, a lot of time. There's nothing here to better ourselves. Staff pretty much let the gangs do & run things the way they choose to & knowing they are the root to almost every problem to incarcerated individuals. Especially those of us that are old, white & unaffiliated.
- 85. All praises—"In God we trust"
- 86. Fix all of the housing units Ice Machines. Fix all the cable in the all of the cells. Give us more phones per housing unit. Actually pay us a reasonable amount of money for the jobs we do. Open up the industries in all the prisons. Feed us better food. Hire more staff. Don't wait until fists are thrown to call all available, do it when things start to get heated. Get a better internet provider and cable provider and new and better movies for the movie channels. Comes from my inmate trust fund anyway.
- 87. People need mental health treatment and God
- 88. Please don't wait our time because we want Help
- 89. Thank you for this survey it give me a chance to inform JHA about how this prison operate
- 90. No more comments
- 91. I hope that by your office doing this survey all Inmate incarcerated in Illinois prison, get a better treatment, respect, and service from staff members
- 92. Placing the phone capability on the tablets will take away the power of the gangs to control the phones, consequently significantly decreasing the violence within the

prison. It's nearly impossible to beat a ticket issued by staff. At no time are we given any benefit of the doubt. Also, the people hearing the tickets are coworkers of the ticket writers. We need an outside monitor in every step involved in the disciplinary process.

- 93. MY MED NEVER COME. THEY INFECTED ME WITH T.B. AND HEP. C. AND WON'T GIVE THE MEDS TO CURE IT **[NAME REDACTED]** CAN YOU HELP ME TO SUE
- 94. There need to be more racial balance with staff, because the White Card is still being used unfairly here in Dixon C.C. They Adjustment Comm. Chairman been Chairman far too long, Staff need to come to work more so we can get our Good time. They need more Lifeskill Classes here, and some of them need to be Investigated for going to that Jan. 6th Incident in Wash. D.C.
- 95. THIS PRISONS COUNSELORS PICK/CHOOSE WHO THEY WANT TO HELP. HARDLY GET A CHANCE TO SEE THEM, AND WHEN YOU DO, THEY NEVER KNOW ANYTHING!
- 96. UNSANITARY CONDITIONS IN DIETARY DEPT. CONSTANT ODOR, QUESTIONABLE HYGIENE/APPEARANCE OF FOOD HANDLERS, MINISCULE AMOUNTS OF FOOD PROVIDED ON TRAYS/E.G. THREE STATE MEALS A DAY = MANDATORY/FORCED DIET—WEIGHT LOSS. LACK OF YARD DUE TO STAFF SHORTAGE AND IF YOU ARE AN ASSIGNED PARTICIPANT (E.G. RESTRICTIVE HOUSING HAS DAILY YARDS VERSUS NONE FOR ASSIGNED PARTICIPANTS.) TOLERANCE FOR ALL BAD BEHAVIOR WITH NO RECOGNITION FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR.
- 97. They only treat us fair when there is people watching, as soon as there gone its back to treating us like animals IDOC is inhumane and unconstitutional.
- 98. Don't just make this another survey with nothing being done about the things were telling you. This is important and this place really need change. Nothing a change until yall start getting on them that's how dixon work.
- 99. Look at everyones answer and see how long this prison can keep going.
- 100. The administration stop allowing us from obtaining Art materials from outside vendors. Art Materials that was being used for Rehabilitation purposes
- 101. 1. The commissary sells us "state boots," they are the exact ones from property, terrible. 2. Only have one pair of gym shoes at commissary, and never have them in stock. 3. Only have one cheap toothpaste at commissary, everyone would gladly spend more money for better toothpaste. 4. We might get a yard once a month if lucky.
 5. No College Courses Available As ADVERTISED AND I'VE BEEN HERE SINCE 2019. 6. Unnecessary lockdowns when they say short on staff, but their will be 3 or 4 C.O's Just walking around, same for when they don't have staff for yard.
- 102. I would like to hear about the results of this survey, and if changes were possible due to this survey.
- 103. **[20+]** years incarcerated and this is the worst I feel been in Dixon. The Staff do wherever they want, and we can do nothing, the union is to powerful.
- 104. When will we get our gym open again it has been 3yrs since it closed, we don't get yard but 2 or 3 times a month, what happened to our exercise time 1 or 2 hours a day, we never get it, because we keep being told, they are short of staff.

- 105. We need to put Someone in place in All prison from The outside to help with The Quality of life here.
- 106. We need Better food, and more Education, for the youth that in prison, and more Phones. Why people and call they lawyers and family. And teach people about the country. If things don't improvement in United States of America Prison System, The Civil War will start from the prison.
- 107. Prison Reform will never truly take place until administrative officials, security, civilians, staff Above the law corruption is dealt with an monitored by society. Illinois Director office's hypocrisy, Administrative Review Board perversion Falsified Board hearing Correct staff misconduct. Security Affirmative Action in every prison in Illinois. White supremacy stop in rural area prisons. Multirace quota for All prison. Stop prison from being Ran by 95% Caucasians. And mix Equally races of staff in all prison.
- 108. Please help this prison I'm going home soon people still got to be here they need all the support the can get.
- 109. This prison don't deserve feedback it's a total waste of money to run
- 110. Dixon CC is by far a joke as a facility. Education is slim to none, no freedom of religion, no freedom of art. We cant even buy reg pencils to draw with. (Flex pencils are worthless). Dixon doesn't feed prisoners enough. Last 2 days I ate less than my nephew. Dinner is the worst on proportions. The staff does nothing for you. You literally have to go to extremes to do anything. IE seg phone was broke for 3 months. Finally we lit fires, then shit, assaulted police and got shit done. Next day it worked better than ever! Telling me for 3 months you did nothing and then its fixed in 8 hours? Come on!! Counselors come round for things, but there responses or get shit done for you is a month later. Im waiting on a transfer to sex assault classes, but its been 2 years since I put in and I still havent got it.
- 111. I would pray that the John Howard Association would actual do something about this infested of evilness, that is occurring within the institution of Department of Correction. Because no one is really correcting those of incarceration, for some staffs are joining with the opposite side that's fighting!
- 112. fuck off leave me alone! Ok.
- 113. Also, placing individual in custody in programs base on first come, first serve basis! A whole lot of discrimination going on here to concerning the programs.
- 114. Fuck jail
- 115. Dixon prison make a max prison look good
- 116. This is a great survey
- 117. and when you supposed to get good time and for reason the warden and it people denied you and they said they don't have to have a reason for you to get good time and I think thats is wrong.
- 118. Never seen any thing like Dixon food bogus, staff, everything.
- 119. Talk face to face w/ this organization
- 120. I shouldn't have to tell medical staff what to do next if I have medical issues. They should tell me what options are available so I can make or pick a choice. Because right now if you have certain med-issues they'll ask what we want to do. But if we don't know what options are available, theyll do the minimum. Like if you have pain in a

knee because of past trauma that will not go away, instead of saying we've done xrays, and physical therapy, now let's do/get an MRI to see if any soft tissue is the problem, since there is no broken bones and physical therapy didn't work. Instead these medical staff ask, so what do you want to do next. If I/we don't know that an xray will not show any soft tissue damage and that we need an MRI to see tissue damage we will not know to ask for that and this medical staff doesn't make us aware of things like that. I ask you to make these med. staff inform us of what may/is wrong and present the choices available to us. Because right now it seems that they are trying to save money for their company/employers by us not knowing what is suppose to or is available to us legally.

- 121. Survey is ok, but is no more than a reminder of all the wrong things going on here by staff and security.
- 122. My comment is for these issues to be addressed and fixed also to send representatives down here to see things for themselves. The kitchen dishwasher hasn't been working since last year. And the trays that we have to eat off of aren't being cleaned and sanitized properly which will eventually lead to a bacteria infection problem on top of everything that we are already dealing with.
- 123. People in prison should be supported like any other human on this world. The one thing most of us strive for is a 2nd chance, let us earn that opportunity; after all isnt this America we were birth on this basic principle that freedom is a right and 2nd chances are achievable feats in this country...
- 124. The right questions are asked but you guy's need to tour the X-house to see how cold it is back here and how much this one building is on lock down.
- 125. We pay for our cable, but we get poor reception, and we have windows that need to be fixed as it get real cold in our cells because of huge gaps in the windows that allow cold air & strong winds get through them. I'm old and do not want to get sick in this place. People die in here.
- 126. I've done [40+] years in November with no murder, I deserved it. I am over 70 years old. Less than 3% of over 70 do crime. I will be released and never violate anyone with whats left of my life. I have no place to live, so I have to live in [LOCATION REDACTED], or I don't get out. Lawyers are confident I'll be release. I would be good at talking to people on their way to prison if they continue to do bad. I earned a [REDACTED] degree in prison, studied what I did and would never do crime. My son [NAME REDACTED] is [JOB REDACTED] with masters degree. He grew up in [LOCATION REDACTED] and was picked on a few times in school because of my crimes. I had a place to live in [LOCATION REDACTED] my daughter and her man offered at [ADDRESS REDACTED] but ex wife nearby yelled at daughter, so I lost that. My daughter visited me wrote me photos, phone calls, but stopped after her mother yelled. Daughters [MEDICAL DETAILS, NAME, AND ADDRESS REDACTED]
- 127. Since they continually raise commissary prices they should also increase the amount of state pay that they pay us.
- 128. Been treated with respect the way they want to be treated
- 129. I hope you people are not full of you know what and try and really help us.

- 130. Cable, commissary, dietary food sucks. Needs upgrade. More than 3 visits per month in person.
- 131. Just cause we're lock up doesn't give them the rite to treat us less than human we're just lock up and forgot about our rights ignored and nothing ever done whose goin to listen and speak for us the world doesn't really know how we're treated in prison when is something going to be done how much talkin are yall gone do when is there goin to be action or are prison just goin to keep on doin what ever they want to us. show us yall really care cause it seems none does. Incarcerated lives matter too
- 132. Need Better Mental Health treatment
- 133. NONE
- 134. I will be filing an Objection to your, and the ACLU's representation of the class. You would rather get attorney fees, and send surveys every 3 years rather than make change or protect the interest of the class, you never came here, never took pictures, never interviewed people. Never moved to enforce decree, never made any attempt to reduce prison population. Only to rack up fees. And for your record my name is NAME REDACTED].
- 135. The Mental Health care is the worse I have ever seen, they allow C/O's in when you are talking to them and the C/Os talk and give their opinion on your issues. Also they limit the phones knowing it is going to create issues with the IIC in fights, why don't they add more phones
- 136. Please help with the phone situations
- 137. if the shop is \$150 limit clothing should not be counted towards that limit. It's making us choose clothes or food and we should be able to get both. Kitchen workers should get 45 days for every 90 days like other prisons. If you haven't received a ticket since you been here and qualify for EDSC we shouldn't have to wait 6 months to receive it. then also if inmates are minimum and been approved to transfer we should not have to wait 2-3+ months to be transferred that's keeping us in a environment we shouldn't be in because if that person get in trouble ex (like a fight) then what. when in fact that person who is a minimum security shouldn't be here because he has been Approved for a transfer.
- 138. 95% of the population is Black & Latino, 98% of the STAFF is WHITE!! Solve this & you can solve A lot!
- 139. I NO
- 140. The Prison going to go up. Pressure and stress is up and some one (me) might get hurt. Lock down, Phone situation, No help, and No one cares, I hope I'm out when this Place goes up.
- 141. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PUBLISH THIS SURVEY.
- 142. I just hope it's taken very seriously and things in here are implemented. The safety of incarcerated individuals is just important as staff. Punishment—especially for minor things that deserve a warning shouldn't be the first choice all the time. Medical issues should always be taken seriously. And retaliation of staff against Individuals should stop, especially the assaults on Individuals by staff.
- 143. will this year be different? Will you actually look into our complaints?

- 144. Vote to change sentence laws. People being held too long. Bring back 50% so people can go HOME!!!
- 145. Life stinks
- 146. These people running this Facility are worst criminals than the prisoners they are guarding and stick together like mobsters, and are only one step away from being in here themselves. And they are racist and fascist. And part of a under-ground conspiracy to destroy America from the inside out.
- 147. Dixon is horrible in 2020 they intentionally grouped us together with COVID positive peers of ours to try herd immunity, form the mouth of staff members here and from they actions. It was an uproar that went unheard. I had my sister contact you guys about it. Left messages and got no answers, so what is it you guys do exactly at John Howard, because we up here at Dixon fucked up for real, mentally. The staff is evil, the food is horrible, but getting a little better, barely any yard, no gym at all, unexplained lockdowns, countless deaths, suicide attempts, you name it, its happening at Dixon, stealing inmate trust, we have to donate movies to watch movies, what inmate trust should be paying for, HIPPA violations everyday all day, can't talk privately to doctors and nurses about your health and they tell all your biz anyway, most of them. The staff are disrespectful, racist and discriminate often. We in Northern Illinois. Check how many blacks work here! Mop heads being washed in the same washer we wash clothes, tell staff, they lie about a solution, or worst laugh and say use your hands, limited cleaning supplies, have to buy stolen bleach to clean my cell. Anything, I mean anything is a writeup. No programs for 85% inmates. We get last call after all 50% inmates. Mold everywhere, buildings literally crumbling up here, water is bad, cable is bad, out as I write this, commissary is trash, often slow and out of everything. The grievance system is an absolute joke and Springfield is no better. No help, no voice, all we get is a survey to fill out, for what, to still feel helpless and fucked up, hopeless. Just learned profess also means pretend, is that what this survey is? I have wrote and had my people call John Howard about the diabolical nature of Dixon staff and got no response, I almost wanna cry and laugh as I write this! [PHONE NUMBER **REDACTED]** check the messages from years ago!
- 148. This prison is not worth talking about.
- 149. The whole prison system need be tore down and rebuilt. It to out of date with the time we live in now!
- 150. get better [ILLEGIBLE]
- 151. When it comes to "Proper Channels" for us (grievances, requests, etc.) these proper channels are slow and full of obstacles like "red tape." It takes forever to be told "no" and even longer than that to actually obtain what you requested, especially from Clinical Services who more often than not are former C/O's without any type of training for social workers. This system is designed to frustrate you, fail you, disappoint you, and finally discourage you from seeking help in the future—It seems that throughout the IDOC, but particularly here in Dixon CC, good behavior is totally ignored and sometimes punished whereas bad behavior by "everyone" is rewarded with anything rule-breakers want. There is a three-tier system in place: The first one for staff which always, always works in their favor. The second one for unruly individuals in custody

which also always works in their favor and the third one for "inmates" which never really works in our favor. IDOC needs to implement a "good behavior = Reward" program because there really are no incentives whatsoever to follow the rules—just the opposite: Break a rule and you'll be severely punished (that's us) become a habitual rule-breaker and soon enough all staff will stop caring and you'll get away with anything you want and get anything you want. What's the point of attending school while holding down a Job? For many this point does not exist, but I do it because I actually want to rehabilitate myself (since the IDOC is not in that kind of business). Another issue is the basic needs of individuals throughout the seasons of the year. In summer when there's a 100 degree heat index, we get a cup of ice after 9:30pm, not during the hottest part of the day, and during winter it takes them a long time to turn on the heaters. For instance, the temperature for the next few nights will be in the upper teens and my understanding is that the heat will be on perhaps by the end of this month (today is Oct 17th). Our cells are ice boxes with sweaty walls and no ventilation or air circulation creating a breeding ground for airborne illnesses. When asked about ice or heat in our cells, staff shake their heads and say that that's not their concern, that we should take it up the chain, but lieutenants and majors are unapproachable and Wardens are like mythological creatures: they have been seen from afar before but we don't know if they actually exist. Another huge issue is that Dixon CC in particular does not give out information or post memoranda in other languages like Spanish or Polish or Korean or any of the other languages that some of us are limited to. There are no grievances or request forms in any language other than English, so when people out of necessity fill out a sick-call form in Spanish, by the time they decipher that form, the "patient's" condition has worsened and by the time he's called to HCU, well, you get the idea. All the Information IDOC provides to its wards need to also be provided in their native languages. New rules an regulations are usually violated by people who do not speak, read, write, or understand English, so, yes, the IDOC punishes us because we do not speak English. If they explained everything to us in our native languages, it would be a little easier for us to do our time

- 152. Prisons are continually on lockdown because they are overcrowded. The staff is claiming a staff shortage I guess it depends on who's telling the story.
- 153. Covid restrictions on visitors hinder those with different beliefs. It forces loved ones to choose Against their religious or personal beliefs and their incarcerated loved one.
- 154. Stop giving us old milk to drink at breakfast. Give us yard because we don't get it once a week let alone twice a week.
- 155. Also Allow us out all day everyday. There aren't many fights here + feed us Food we can eat and quit raising commissary prices every week + sell us oil paint so we can paint + get card stock for us + fix wifi to work in cells so we quit getting robbed for our link days of music + emails etc.
- 156. We need cleaning supply like Bleach
- 157. TO STRIP DIXON OF THEIR ADA COMMITTEE, AND MAKE DIXON ADHERE TO STATE RULE & REQUIREMENT OF HAVING A FACILITY ADA COORDINATOR, FOR SUCH ADA COORDINATOR TO HAVE ADA EXPERIENCE, CERTIFICATES & LICENSE TO PROVE SUCH EXPERIENCE, ADHERE TO THEIR ADA

RESPONSIBILITIES, ADA TRAIN STAFF AS REQUIRED, QUIT HAVING WHITE PEOPLE IN POWER, OPEN GYM, FIX PHONE FOR DEAF, FOLLOW AND HONOR HUNGER STRIKE PROTOCOL THEYVE BEEN REFUSING. REASSIGN STAFF EVERY 90 DAYS AS REQUIRED. GIVE MORE BLACK TV CHANNELS. TO DO REAL CLINICAL SERVICES THOROUGHLY NOT CHECKING US OFF ON PIECE OF PAPER

- 158. Today is my Birthday. Release me. Stop enforced medication. Get me **[ILLEGIBLE]** +see +/or live on the streets or another State
- 159. I have thought many times in the last year of Ending my Life. I have Never had these kind of thoughts Before and I Feel Like I am Coming Closer Each day. I Know Covid has turned the World upside down, But things Seem to Be getting Better Now. I have 4 young children that I have NOT seen in over 2 yrs because they are not vaccinated. I have to respect my wifes decision not to give them the vaccines, plus what can I really do to Change her opinion. But my world are my children. I speak to them often but I need to see them Face to Face to let them know I am still here for them. Before Covid I seen them almost every other week and my family wants to come, but they won't let them in Before they get the shot, but its unfair Because A lot of these officers are Not Vaccinated, they the staff get away with so much behind this Covid Lock-down, no Gym, yard once a week, visits Being Canceled Because Staff called off, commissary not having Food or clothes, Even the officers here at Dixon tell us this place is treating us wrong. We need help bad!
- 160. Well, the sinner use to temptate us perfect beings and I do not know if the judges, states attorneys, lawyers and public defenders are ignorant or just taking care of business but why they do not incarcerate or eliminate the sinners for ever so we don't have to argue, fight, get sick or even die? [ILLEGIBLE] (Please keep this peacefully theories secretlywize confidential so you or me do not get in trouble! or on the other hand you can spread the word publiclywise if possible or necessary with real caution so we perfect beings can get a perfect update? [ILLEGIBLE]
- 161. This Fucking Prison Sucks and is designed for individuals in custody to come back to Prison.
- 162. I'd like an investigation started on those who work in these prisons as well as [STAFF NAME REDACTED] who works [HOUSING UNIT REDACTED] in Statesville NRC (mornings at which time that is).
- 163. A lot more programs and work Assignment. Idle hands are the devils workshop. We are bored in our cell house can't get yard because short staff. It's Just a crazy prison here to be honest. Seg. has holes in the roof Raccoons Live in their. Most building should be condemned. This is by far the worst experience of my LIFE!!!
- 164. THERE'S A LOT OF WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE
- 165. Please Shut this prison Down!!!!
- 166. There is lots of classrooms & should have sex offender classes since May 2021 I've been waiting to transfer to a prison with sex class and someone should be over looking things at this prison Dixon, 2600 Brinton Av, Dixon II 61201. Lock down A lot. Which make officers, teachers, commissary workers, church everything canceled. Because

theres not enough employees so theres alot of money running throw this place in over time & plain just sitting around

- 167. To hot or to cold
- 168. "The commissary" we do not have price list we do not know what they sell there "they" have the windows board up with cardboards/the kitchen needs to be inspected. Thank you for taking time to survey this institution and God bless you!!! P. S. This place have a special Tac Team that goes around the compound intimidating inmates!!! The I.A. Program was created to investigate the officers behavior but the Warden is given them free rein to do as they please so they dictate assignments, placement, shakedowns, jobs, school etc. Just like the Gestapo in neo Nazi Times.
- 169. People with mellow Attitudes should Be Here.
- 170. Keep working at it Thank you
- 171. They don't make art supplies available on commissary or order forms for Dick Blick. I wish you guys would actually do something for us rather than just ask us about whats Fucked up & get us more phones.
- 172. No comments
- 173. RE-EVALUATE THE CURRENT SECURITY PROTOCOLS USED TO TRANSPORT IIC'S FOR HEALTHCARE WRITS. THE WASTE OF MANPOWER AND GAS IS RIDICULOUS. THERE IS NO LEGITIMATE REASON TO WASTE TWO STAFF AND A CAR/TRUCK WHEN THREE OR MORE IIC'S ARE GOING TO THE SAME PLACE AND ALL COULD FIT IN ONE VEHICLE. THE SAVINGS WOULD BE ASTRONOMICAL IN LIMITING O.T. AND MILAGE ON CARS.
- 174. Just hope that this survey helps us Individual in Custody now and the near future.
- 175. I understand JHA can only give their thoughts or Finding from these surveys. However, how can we see true change if words are only being placed on paper and handing around. It is crazy prison official and a like want incarcerated individual to change, but the same system is still in play writing paper after paper. that just my thoughts.
- 176. We Need help in all Areas of Mental help and program. Educational Courses. We Never get yard twice a week because No Staff
- 177. Thank you for sending this to us
- 178. If you really want to change the Illinois prison system than please by all means help get rid of the truth in sentencing act—100% Law then & only then you have really helped & see the Fruits of your efforts, as long as this law remains in effect—applied, nothing will change. I know I can say this after [20+] years of incarceration.
- 179. I was wrongfully sprayed and sent to seg for a bottle of juice that "tested" positive for alcohol. Ive filled several grievances and nothing has been done this is my first time being in Seg over 2 years and because of this Incident they kicked me out of school. It would be a lot of help if yall can look into my ticket **[NAME REDACTED]**
- 180. NONE!
- 181. Schooling more promptly. Classes. Work. But all in all this is a good prison
- 182. THERE IS ALSO SUPPLY SHORTAGES FOR ADA RECIPIANTS, I.E. WATCHES (ALARM TYPE) HEADPHONES FOR HARD OF HEARING, PAGER WATCHES AS WELL AS THE SYSTEM (COMPUTER) UP AND RUNNING TO OPERATE THEM.

MY WATCH HAS BEEN BROKEN FOR A YEAR NOW, HEADPHONES FOR 2 HAVE BEEN PROMISED PAGER WATCH FOR 20 MONTHS NOW. MORE PHONES!!

- 183. Add better Selection to commissary. Make sure a key is given to person that is in the cell. Send out email texts faster.
- 184. Please to send a federal Investigator to check all the bad things that staff is doing against the Incarcerated people. Have more spanish channel in TV and a better cable system.
- 185. There are no programs to assist Veterans or to help individuals who already have profession, and we can't have Church on our regular Sunday, always short of staff. Also the trays are not properly cleaned to eat off of, this includes cups and sporks.
- 186. I would like to say thanks for remaining true to the Review of this prison. Thanks for Taking a look At what we have to say.
- 187. Mail handling is disruptive as it is the same with timely email responses with loved ones
- 188. Why not spend the money to sue IDOC to become in compliance with Federal laws. Do something.
- 189. The chow hall is infested with mice running around and the chow is not sanitary. There needs to be an outside oversight committee for the quality of food and its quantity and sanitation. The chow needs to be shut down immediately.
- 190. Theres Mold, Dry rot, and Electrical, plumbing issues in the cells in GP. C/O's don't Answer Emergency call buttons when pressed. Rounds by staff in cellhouses don't happen because of that people with health issues have died. Yard in GP is rare but STC and X-house never miss a yard. Phones dont work in Seg/Restrictive housing. Gangs control the working phones and try to make non gang members pay for the use. Religions like Odinism is not on Equal footing with all other faith groups. Meaning Pagans are forced to Ask permission to use prayer and ritual items for daily offerings and high holidays when all others Keep all Items in cell with them. Investigation Needs To Happen!!! PLEASE!!! In Dixon C.C.
- 191. N/A
- 192. you's Really NEED to do Something
- 193. Thing change daily food, lockdowns, what program
- 194. Pray for me. God + Lord help me.
- 195. The relationship with Staff and Individuals is getting bad especially for Those in STC and X-House in Dixon CC THE Staff willingly create a Hostile environment in order to fit Their propaganda for Higher Pay and More Staffing like the Mental Health Facility JTC. The Staff purposely Lock Us Down on weekends on Level 1s for "lack of Staff" and purposely cancel our weekend in Person visits. The Staff is very disrespectful and Talk to individuals any way They Choose. We rarely ever receive Yard and Haven't had Gym since the Pandemic started. The only control of the Facility is controlled chaos created by Internal Affair and Staff.
- 196. I've never been in a "prison" where the administration treats not only the inmates bad but also their own staff
- 197. I Always fill this out n Not one thing changes (ever) It get worst so They pass these out Type of survey out with a smile & Ask who needs A ink pen. It's like the grievance

process. We got 60 days to file one But they can take a year to Respond so they (The C/Os) Do Not Fear Nor Respect you Nor us. I don't want to be Anonymous My Name is **[NAME REDACTED]** My Truth About them is more Damaging than Any Lie someone can tell on them. Do you want 100% of the truth About this facility. The Drugs C/Os Are bringing in openly Racism From the Head of I.A. And Warden **[NAME REDACTED]** Call **[NAME REDACTED]** and tell her that you got This, and I'll screen shot you some messages that will blow your mind or this survey can stand for nothing.

- 198. Please help us Please!
- 199. help make it possible to Be able to open a savings account for release. IDOC gives a person 10.00 an says try not to come back. Have trade training Like pipefitters or Painters Union or other trade school ASE certification, have jobs in the prison pay more then 28.00 a month when you work 5 days 8 hours a day. I have a lot of ideas if you want to talk about it from a incarcerated person that wants to make a better Life contact me [NAME REDACTED] Dixon IL 611021
- 200. Why is it the State of III. Cannot find people to work for them? We are locked down every weekend often during the week Level 1 lockdowns we did nothing wrong. 2 and 3 officers driving around in vans or standing around in the chow hall but we have no yard officer. I go to bed hungry wake up hungry I have to do something just to Keep my mind off of food. 5 acres of yard and nobody in it This prison isa joke. These people That are here are here just to get a check and Keep us locked down. Please respond so we know you get our mail.
- 201. I hope you people can make things better for people locked up.
- 202. Jails + Prisons are Punishment. And As history has shown—this type of treatment of human beings does not work—as in the definition of insanity: doing the same thing and expecting different Results. As Long As you All keep this system—you + I, And All will Lose.
- 203. I would like any information on the truth in sentencing law...will there be any changes?
- 204. They punish you for writing grievances by refusing you jobs and other opportunities. And put you on enforced meds for going on hunger strikes and peacefully protesting.
- 205. Stop canceling video visits and in-person visits. Find ways for inmates to be able to receive good-time credit. Also, talk with loved ones. Thank You! If possible!
- 206. The most important thing for me is to be able to talk to my kids & Family. I cant do that with these gangs trying to take control of the Phones.
- 207. I believe that (all) not some individuals in custody should be eligible to earn good time. Currently only those of us serving sentences that are 50% can earn good time and here the majority of us are serving sentences with 85% + 100% which gives us no hope at all for rewards for good behavior.
- 208. MATTRESSES: I HAVE HAD THE SAME FILTHY AND TORN MATTRESS FOR THE PAST 16 YEARS. THOUGH THE FACILITY HAS NEW MATTRESSES ON LOCATION (IN THE GENERAL STORE) THEY ONLY ISSUE THEM TO A SELECTED FEW. WE NEED A NEW MATTRESS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL. OUR REQUESTS FALL ON DEAF EARS. AT THE MOST, THEY TAKE OLD MATTRESSES WITH BLOOD, URINE OR FECES STAINS TO THE SEWING ROOM IN BLDG 118 AND SIMPLY PUT A NEW COVER ON IT. THIS SHOULD NT BE

ACCEPTABLE. IF THE ADMINISTRATION DENIES THIS THEN SIMPLY SCHEDULE A VISIT TO DIXON W/O INFORMING THEM YOU INTEND TO INSPECT MATTRESSES; AND ONCE HERE ASK TO BE ALLOWED TO INSPECT SOME OF THE MATTRESSES IN BOTH STC & GP SIDE.

- 209. I believe it'd benefit you to visit this prison and spend a week to a month here to really see how they treat us and what the living conditions are like. The tray room washer is broken, so trays aren't even washed properly. Everyone needs to know what it's really like. And to see that there are some good people here behind bars who are not the same person they were when their crime was committed. Kinda like an undercover boss thing.
- 210. Better paying job. Last [ILLEGIBLE]
- 211. This place is falling apart literally and staff barely wants to show up for work so as a result of that we are locked in our cells
- 212. Add Healthcare specific Questions to Survey. Add Housing Specific Questions to survey.
- 213. NEED MORE HIGHER EDUCATION
- 214. The most common excuse for their actions is "This is Dixon we pretty much do what we want."
- 215. I Hope you all are not playing with this Please A.S.A.P.
- 216. I do not Trust The John Howard Assoc. Any more as an advocate For Inmate's. I Believe you Have been paid of By I.D.O.C. and don't Really Care.
- 217. I have other suggestions. Currently No dentist on site. Just visiting one maybe 3 times a month. 2 yr backlog on fillings. The tooth will Just rot, break and possibly get infected and have to be pulled when it could have been saved. Clearly who has the power to change this situation doesn't care because it does not effect them directly. So all you hear from healthcare is bad news with No available option to remedy your situation. Just floss, brush teeth and pray.
- 218. I would like to see installed Wifi connection through out the compound for all cell reception. Also better Tablets and Video Games **[ILLEGIBLE]**Technology and video Game designing school for Free.
- 219. This is the last of The Medium/Low security Corrections. Needs An over-haul of Administrators who know corrections To Provide Quality conditions for individuals who want to Better Themselves. Right Now, Sanitation, breathing Dust, Dead Skin cells circulating thru out-dated ventilation system. We have not been in A Gym since 2020. Staff shortages restrict our yard now lucky To get 2 yards A wk Now. 1 hr. yard when They got Enough Staff, (C/O's). I pray New Admin personnel come in And give better options To prepare me for future life-style changes, And update living-Quarters to Ensure safety (Physically), Psychologically. Thank you John Howard Assoc. You've come a long way since The 80s. Proud of your New Methods!
- 220. SUGGESTION: I THINK EVERY INDIVIDUAL IN CUSTODY UPON RECEIVING STATUS AT ANY INISTITUTION SHOULD BE REQUIRED OR MANDATED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN "IIC ETTIQUETTE" CLASS. A CLASS THAT THAUGHT SUCH AS HOW TO BE A DECENT INDIVIDUAL ALL AROUND AS A CELLMATE, HOW HE SHOULD CONDUCT HIMSELF PRETTY MUCH AT ALL TIMES. BUT THAT

ETIQUETTE CLASS SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED ONLY TO IIC, IT SHOULD ALSO EXTEND TO EVERY EMPLOYEE THAT WOULD OR COULD POSSIBLY HAVE CONTACT WITH THE IIC. AND PRAYER, I SAY, PRAYER SHOULD BE AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF IT ALL. GOD BLESS AND KEEP US...

- 221. My Release Back Home on **[DATE REDACTED]** Max out **[ILLEGIBLE]** Of My MSR. Parole House arrest get Leg Knee Fix Fight make money make movies go to school.
- 222. Because the majority of the staff and this prison just come to work and hang out and don't enforce rules and order this prison has become a extension of the Chicago Ghetto.
- 223. Help getting Dixon C.C. Closed down because of the Cruel + Unusual punishment give by [STAFF NAME REDACTED], [STAFF NAME REDACTED] and Warden [NAME REDACTED] and Asst. Warden [NAME REDACTED], unhealthy food + undersized food portions. No mental health groups in DPU nor yard or gym privileges, over priced commissary items. Threats to keep me isolated or have no contact with family by [HEALTHCARE STASS POSITION AND NAME REDACTED] as well as her threatening to enforce medication if we dont speak to her
- 224. IM BLESSED
- 225. I hope you all are really here to help because if so you might just save a life I don't know how much more I can take honestly. I'm tired of living like this we need help IM NOT AN ANIMAL stop them from treating us like we are.
- 226. FUCK IDOC SUCK My Dick CPDK Cop Killa
- 227. Thank you all for Putting together this Survey. I do hope this will allow things to get better for all the prisons in the state of Illinois.
- 228. HMMM. SUCH A SMALL BOX ... DIETARY SUPERVISORS WHO GET YEAR END BONUSES FOR SAVING ON THE FOOD BUDGET FOR THE YEAR. HOW DO YOU THINK THEY ACCOMPLISH THAT? 4 MILLION DOLLARS SPENT ON ROOFS OR BUILDINGS FOUR YEARS AGO THAT THEY CONDEMED AND ARE GOING TO TEAR DOWN WHILE ROOFS ARE BLOWING OFF AND LEAKING IN GEN POP AND STL. 400.00 FOR AN OIL-CHANGE FOR I.D.O.C. VEHICLES OIL CHANGE! WHERE IS THE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY TO THE BROKE TAX PAYERS OF ILLINOIS. THE BLACK MOLD I WROTE TO YOU ABOUT IN YOUR LAST SURVEY? WHAT WAS IT 2018-19? STILL THERE WHERE WE LEFT IT IN ALL THE SHOWERS, CEILINGS AND [ILLEGIBLE]. JAGGED METAL DOOR FRAMES AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS THAT HAVE NEVER WORN A MASK THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC. THERE ARE THREE THINGS THAT WILL BECOME OF THIS SURVEY 1. NEVER MAKE IT TO YOU AND LOST IN THE GARBAGE. 2. MAKE YOU LAUGH AND SHAKE YOUR HEAD AND GET TOSSED IN THE GARBAGE 3. YEARS FROM NOW WE'LL HAVE THE SAME LITTLE SURVEY AND NOTHING WILL COME OF THAT EITHER. BUT THANK YOU... IT GAVE ME SOMETHING TO DO WHILE THE CABLE IS OUT.
- 229. Incarcerated individuals NEED Help. If Illinois Dept of Corrections Don't Rehabilitate Prisoners. What Do They Expect us To Do When we are FREE? We are going No Where Fast. I.D.O.C. is Hurting us. Not Helping us. Warehousing us is only making matters worse. 2.5 yrs of Covid-19 Lockdowns & Now Staff Shortage Lockdowns Has

Affected ALL of our Mental Health. Physical as well. I've Been incarcerated **[10+]** yrs w/ **[10+]** to go. No Tickets. No Seg. No Trouble. It Doesn't Matter. There is No Reward For Positive Behavior. No programs, Nothing. I.D.O.C cater To The Offenders who act out staff assaulters Etc. They Give Them The World. its sad. it's one Facility called Kewanee Lifeskills Reentry Ctr that Truly Believe in Rehabilitation. Has all programs. However you Have to once again Be a low level or short Term OFFENDER To Transfer There. How is it out of 22 PRISONS in the State of ILLINOIS only one Has Everything WE NEED? Where is The Equality in That?

- 230. My name is **[NAME REDACTED]** I'd like to get a better understanding on law so, I can fight for my rights accordingly.
- 231. RIGHT NOW IT'S FREEZING IN THESE CELL AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY HEAT.
- 232. For us to get the help We need at Dixon C.C STC
- 233. Due To lack of staff, Dixon has been on deadlock more This year Than The past 14 years combined. Between lack of exercise and smaller meals and not enough phones for the amount of people in a building. Tensions are always high it's Tough To remain positive when that type of environment is daily.
- 234. Let me out of This prison!
- 235. if the warden would do his job as a BOSS. Then maybe a lot of jobs school and treatment could be had.
- 236. Tell congress that they need to give those locked up for @ Least 20 yrs, a chance to rejoin society. We Ain't gonna come back
- R.S.V.P. to: This is [NAME REDACTED] Dixon C.C. 2600 N. Brinton Ave., Dixon, IL.
 61021 Also, the Chaplain won't Let my Religion come to church. Mine is the only one he Deprives.
- 238. Please help us in here. This place is inhumane. The staff does not treat us fairly. We hardly ever get yard. They still havent removed plexiglass dividers in visiting rooms.
- 239. Thank you For your time and consideration. I have been in prison for 20 years and it gets worst every year at every level. NOT TO Forget the unpredictable circumstances created by uncontrollable things such as Covid and inflation. The writing is on the wall. Its time to change the Laws and go back to the original intent of a prison. We are no longer Prisoners or Individuals in Custody but a bunch of Animals getting Fed garbage. Its time to open the doors and Release people. Its time to change the laws that give people the ability to rehabilitate and not rot. Lets! Lets! Lets! (Respectfully).
- 240. In my **[15+]** years in prison never seen a positive change in the IL prison system the Question is? Of all this Questions what is the point? Do not matter how good I do. Do to the 100% law can't apply what I have learned to help others to help them make better decisions be the positive influence that I never have growing up.
- 241. Theres a nurse down here name **[NAME REDACTED]** that assisted in in people death that's still here now. Staff nurses or anybody here answers to anyone they laugh when you write grievances because they no that it means nothing.
- 242. The entire State of Illinois is corrupt From top to bottom both the State and Federal levels. Prison is Nothing by a High-treason conspiracy to destroy you and make sure you can NEVER get your life back on track, by corrupt, racist, fascist, politicians, Hateful Homosexuals, communist, and Law enforcement officials (State and

Federal).They Never make even the slightest pretense to rehabilitate prisoners (especially Negros, Indians, and Muslims) to useful citizenship. they only try to hide behind the law and published I.D.O.C. Rules (lies) and Wreck your life, and destroy Yourself respect, and dignity, and drive you to suicide or murder you by disfranchising you as a U.S. Citizen and subjecting you to a civil death by blocking your access to the Federal and State civil rights courts By denying you due process of law, and equal protection of the law and discriminating against you, and by playing tricks with the law (Judges), And by holding you incommunicado to silence you and cover-up what they did to you. A congressional investigation of prisoner **[NAME REDACTED]** case will prove all of the above and shock the world, they committed High Treason to railroad him into State Prison.

- 243. only seen as a number or case file number not as a person. All prisons need more opportunity to better their lives and more encouragement to either turn to religion or change their lives etc. the facts prove that the recidivism rate of people coming from "Program Prisons" is significantly lower, this needs to be much more widely available.
- 244. Ive been incarcerated since 1994 + Filled-out a lot of these, but have Never seen 1 thing change For the better—only get worse, so I don't understand the purpose of these surveys, except to give you something to laugh or cheer about. You don't care about us and Never have and Never will. But you get Paid Right?
- 245. The reality is prison sucks. But it doesn't have to. There are so many easy things administration can do to alleviate issues. #1 Be better at communicating w/ inmates.#2 Include us in the problem solving stage—we have good ideas.
- 246. Prisoners and/or individuals in custody are being warehoused for far too long.
- 247. We are Living in the stone age. We need more access to friends and family. There are so many options Meaning Apps that are not in use.
- 248. THANK YOU FOR REACHING OUT TO US. YOU GUYS SHOULD SHOW UP UNANNOUNCE SO THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE CAN BE SHOWN HOW A PRISON IS REALLY RAN.
- 249. For being convicted of a crime my punishment was to surrender my freedom, not to be torture at the hands of Wexford. It was not to endure high stress levels nor acts of violence and racism till I end up with P.T.S.D. Note: John Howard Association is like a by-stander who sees me drowning but instead of helping me takes out their phone to monitor my death!
- 250. I have enclosed a personal letter to whom it may concern about a PREA violation please investigate ASAP
- 251. inmates should get sex From they outside girlfriend or Wife At least once A month based on the good behavior. And Also individuals that's Have Anxiety problems should Have A opportunity to smoke marijuana-weed instead of taking medication All the time because some mental patients need that instead of medications
- 252. If you don't teach a person change how you expect to change and If you have staff that think one way be just a criminal that don't care so a person cant change his Life style If Don't give tools to change and give people resource to change they think so when get home that no how to Live a productive way.

- 253. I have been at Dixon C.C. for close to [10+] years now, and during This time I have witnessed a steady decline in The quality of life here for the incarcerated. There is a general lack of concern for our health + well being, as well as a lack of maintenance in our living units and elsewhere. We rarely get to go to yard, it's canceled constantly and our gym has been closed for years. Most of our yard equipment has been removed also. There is a rule in IDOC That entitles us to have "At least 20 min. to consume our meals," but normal staff practice is to give us less than 10 min. everyday. The shortest being just 2 min. on a baked chicken day a meal that the staff knows most of us enjoy. We are forced to gulp our food down if we want to eat. when visitors come to observe the meal times (staff from down State visiting), our staff here give us longer. Eating every meal this way is extremely stressful to our digestive systems! When something breaks down, staff either neglect it or remove it altogether. 2-dayroom drinking fountains, 2-Ice machines, showers and our cable tv system (that's paid for out of the Inmate Benefit fund). All removed or neglected! Another Big Issue: Our "Ventilation" system in the living units are set up for central A/C + Heat. The A/C guit years ago and instead of fixing it—They removed The outside compressors and just recirculate the stagnant air. Ducts have not been cleaned in decades and are caked with crud! Our building never draws in cool air to cool The building during The Summer and we Suffer in The heat—All the while, The staff install A/C in Control Room for staff to cool and watch us suffer!
- 254. I Feel there should Be Projects Beyond the Correctional site for Inmates MORE programs Active for Dixon Correctional Center. Activity not only for the Correctional Center But outside Dixon Correctional Center Community like An Carwash for Inmates To Work And Being Supervisor an Harvest Garden produce Good Crop for Dixon Correctional Center To process At Dietary less contract for Dixon Contractor Dealer. Music Studio: Theres plenty of hidden Talent in Dixon Art, Poem, Spiritually, [ILLEGIBLE], Professor, college course. Right Dixon Correctional Center Need Staffing Guard for Some Housing units some units Some Housing unit have Two staff And other I know Were Just Trying TO Be fair But It Holiday season And [ILLEGIBLE] Inmates Need to Use The Telephone. The Telephone Is The Most Important at Time. But Basically to Better Dixon Correctional Center the need more: Projects among The Dixon Environment Of It Community Supervises By Correctional Staff For Inmates. Programs and Groups. More Recreational Activity with other correctional centers Ex. Basketball. Educational. Remodeling The Dixon Gp, STC, X-House. [ILLEGIBLE] Righteous for All Staff's And Inmates! STOP BY PLEASE
- 255. ELEMENT SIX HEARING AID. READING GLASSES. DATE: [REDACTED]
- 256. This Prison treat us less then animals. Theres no fairness in Dixon, Staff can do and say anything to us, but if we as man stand up For self, their Co-workers Find us guilt. We have Know way to truly rehabilitate ourself if they take and Never gave. The gym and yard Is needed For us to release stress. Stop Lock us down For no reason that prisoners did not cause. Admin need outside help to Keep everything Fair in this prison. Give us our Visit back all of them, and Stop Allowing our people to come all the way here and Not Letting them in because of A lockdown! If they schedule A visit, then

have morals And call them. Like they call yall to set it up. That happen to me twice Since they been locking us Down with this short of staff B.S.! **[NAME REDACTED]**

- 257. This Prison IS A Death TRAP. God Help Us ALL
- 258. We Need Healthy Food. Like on my Case I'm diabetic person. This kind of Food don't Help diabetic people. Hurts people Tank UUUU...
- 259. YOUR JHA DOES NOT DO ANY THING TO TRULY CHANGE ANYTHING
- 260. THE LAW IS NOT ENFORCED AND I HAVE HAD THINGS STOLEN I ORDER IN THE MAIL AND PAY FOR.
- 261. Hard to Wait 6 months to Repair a ceiling Light—constant dark. The Air vents are dirty and dusty. Only certain people with Their friend get to use the phone. NO control over phones. When I went on a writ with all my chains I fell I could not get up—The Officer did not help me—they Just stood there and Laughed at me. One Lt C/o rushes us thru our meals at chow
- 262. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12256, 12631 (A NEW MOVEMENT FOR JHA). 13 USCS 196, 182, ETC. FORM 990-T, FORM 990, 990-EZ OR 990-PF. UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT, COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT, REVENUE ACT OF 1913, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO) ACT OF 1990, ETC.
- 263. Thank you so much for taking the time to listen to us. I hope many people responded. Unfortunately the inmate culture is very negative and some believe things like this to be a waste of time. Things are slow to change in this system. But I'm sure I speak for all of when I say Thank you for all that you do for us. God bless you and God speed in your efforts. Also: programs and classes are almost impossible to get into here in Dixon C.C. unless you have 2 yrs or less left on your sentence. And the fact that Truth in Sentencing laws bar us from receiving credit for these programs, hinder the incentive for anyone above 50% to try to rehabilitate, since they cannot earn good time.
- 264. I Believe that commissary Helps with the food situation, But we Have to Have more items not Just the same noodles HoneyBuns, try to get more variety of Chips And food on commissary. I do not like that **[ILLEGIBLE]** inmates cooking and preparing food is not safe I witness wrong doing. Mental Health Deals with a lot of people that are causing trouble and now that makes it complicated for me to talk with mental Health without A Debate with the mental Health worker if An officer or lieutenant and Sargent gets mad At me they will not get me Mental Health, they just lock me Away.
- 265. Mental health issues ARE NOT handled properly here, period!! Should be much more Privacy! Will the JHA provide copies of the results of these surveys to individual inmates?? After 28 years of the JHA bullshit—I've to believe that they are actually a hidden part of the I.D.O.C. itself. I am skeptical of JHA!!
- 266. This is suppose to be a prison to Assist mentally disadvantaged inmates on one side of the prison, but the staff treats all inmates as if we Are All damn Fools!
- 267. Well I'm a minimum security level inmate but I'm around a lot of Maximum inmate's with 20 yr's or long up to life in prison in, which I'm not suppose to be around them which have me scared from my life been approved over 2 month's for a transfer but still here which confusing to me...

- 268. THE WAY I HAVE BEEN MISTREATED DURING MY INCARCERATION (**[30+]** YEARS) IS BAD. I GET NO HELP. I AM CONSTANTLY DENIED JOBS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES, WHILE OTHERS GET THE GOLDEN TREATMENT.
- 269. This Survey was taken at Dixon Correctional Center.
- 270. STAFF CAN ACT LIKE EVERYONE IS SIGNIFCANTLY, A HIERARCHY WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS RESPECT THE BAHVIOR OF THE MENTAL AND NOT PUNISH SOMEONE FOR POOR BEHAVIOR, BUT WORK TO IMPROVE THEIR TREATMENT AND SITUATION OF LIFE. GET PEOPLE WHO CAN DO THE WORK. BETTER PERSONAL STAFF.
- 271. I hope you guys take action on our answers to this survey.
- 272. Dixon STC is out control, snorting pysch meds. K-2 Tattoo's. It's not Safe here at all
- 273. Officers are not held accountable for anything, lies are rewarded and truth on our behalves are punished. With that Kind of Stress, its hard to focus on rehabilitation, visit should be longer, especially due to not a lot of people coming to visit people, we should receive all services that allows us to build positive relationships, social skills and etc. Also you guys can learn a lot if you actually come here and witnessed the conditions we live in, not just come here and be rushed out the facility.
- 274. I like the questions on this survey however: these questions are only good if this survey is utilized correctly. These answers are without bias and if used in a manner of core values and integrity, a lot could be done. Thank you for your time and service in advance, it great to know some people still care despite our circumstances.
- 275. I'm [60+]YEARS OLD [20+] YEARS IN [5+]YEARS TO GO OUTDATE [DATE REDACTED]. I WANT TO GO TO TAYLORVILLE PRISON THEY TELL ME THE PSYCH PEOPLE I CAN'T GO TO TAYLORIVLLE BECAUSE I'M NOT A SEX OFFENDER, I KNOW PEOPLE OTHER INMATES THAT CAME FROM TAYLORVILLE THEY TOLD ME THEY HAVE INMATE THERE THAT AREN'T SEX OFFENDERS (PLEASE CAN YOU HELP ME) TO TRANSFER THERE. CAN YOU HELP ME AT THIS PRISON, AND TELL THE POWERS THAT BE TO PUT ME IN A SINGLE CELL. I AM BISEXUAL PERSON AND A LOT OF THE OTHER INMATE'S DON'T LIKE ME TRY TO STEAL MY THINGS, AND ALWAYS INTIMIDATE ME OR COME AT ME IN A SEXUAL WAY OR MAKE PHONEY PREA'S ON ME (PLEASE CAN SOMEONE COME TO TALK WITH ME) (A ONE ON ONE) THEY HAVE SINGLE CELL'S WITH GUY'S THAT ARE A LOT YOUNGER THEN ME. PLEASE CAN HAVE SOMEONE COME TALK WITH ME OR CONTACT AN AGENCY THAT WILL. ALSO I DONT' TAKE PSYCH MED'S PLEASE HELP [NAME REDACTED] [DATE REDACTED]
- 276. The prison isn't inherently a bad one. Besides a few CO's who tend to let their bad moods affect their work shift. It isnt entirely bad. The inconsistent level of staff effects our hours out of the cell movement, yards, etc. I hear a lot of the same things as well: We need more programs. More programs would allow us to be productive with our time. as well as continue to better ourselves in the pursuit to rehabilitation.
- 277. I don't have much faith in these surveys.

- 278. Just hoping you all stand up for us a righteous organization who can represent us right, and not just look over these matters of seriousness, the I.D.O.C. really need to want to make a Greater Change. We need it NOW! HELP US!! :(
- 279. We need help down here this is un-humane.
- 280. I believe because this is a strongly republican community, the governor and the director are pushing this facility into the garbage. Guards have quit because of the mandated COVID vax. They are overworked and mandated into overtime which cause them to not want to come in. Also because of the X-house Max Sec. they are becoming injured and further disgruntled. The IDOC cleared out hundreds of minimum sec prisoners, and are now planning to build another X-house. In the long run this will be a mistake that will cause the rest of us more hardship.
- 281. My perspective is that there is not a STAFF SHORTAGE. PRISONS ARE OVERCROWDED!
- 282. The ADMINISTRATION/Springfield NEED To review Guys in prison More thoroughly and place them in settings that will enable them to become better individuals and be a productive part of society upon their release. Places with Drug programs and educational programs.
- 283. See all available People Home
- 284. Replace The whole staff!!!
- 285. This Place is a Nightmare the worst Place that I have ever been-By far
- 286. they don't have any programs to help us Really prepare for release its as if they don't even Care. There are only a handful of staff that truly Care especially ICI program personnel
- 287. more Programs
- 288. Your not Able To Talk To A Lt., Sgt. When it come To Staff Conduct
- 289. fix all housing unit Ice machines, fix cable in all cells, Fix phones and add more, higher money for State pay
- 290. I've been to **[15+]** institutions throughout the State and it is my opinion that this prison is second to none. Unfortunately, bad residents are strongly to blame for negative staff attitudes and relations. Therefore, its hard for staff to determine good resident from bad resident being we are all wearing the same uniform. Thus, the reasons for the chasm between staff/resident cooperative working relationships.
- 291. We need store more then twice a month. Need more phones in H.U. to stop fights. More WiFi boxes and/or phones on tablets. Open the gym up! More variety of food in chow hall. Please take partitions out of visiting room and allow people to just come up here like before. (Pre Covid-19)
- 292. It would be so much Easier For Everyone If they would Put the Phone On Our Tablet's. Which was Suppose to have Occurred Long age also Video Visit.
- 293. To House All Transgender AND Homosexuals IN A House All By Themselves. #1. For the Last 6-7 Months The Dietary/Show Hall Dishwasher In tray room Has Been Broke No Soap Being Used. No Hot Water Being Used. The Water Pump And Chain Belt Is Broke That Feeds Dishes Through Machine. #2. We're Lucky If we get Yard Once A Week Due To Staff Shortages. #3. At Dixon C.C. No gym since Pre-Covid. #4. Only 30-Minutes A Week In Law Library If That! #5. I.D.O.C. Has A Administrative Directive

Or Policy States All Inmates Are To Receive Ice When 85 or 90 degrees and Hotter. Many Ice Machines Are Broke At Our Prison We Did Not get Ice All Summer Long. *Many Inmates filed grievances On NO gym, NO Ice AND Dishwashing Machine, Our Warden **[NAME REDACTED]** Don't Care!

- 294. Not Every Prisoner is Dangerous We are People To.
- 295. On the yard schedule posted on board, we are scheduled for 2 yards per week, but for last 2 years we have been getting only 1 yard in 2 weeks.
- 296. two individuals per cell is inhumane and use solely as a way for the prison system to make money
- 297. I get so frustrated when the C.O. tells us everyone has to lockdown except for his "favorites." Then we hear what sounds like a party going on in the day room. This occurs daily.
- 298. They need To Put more Rules To Much going on
- 299. Prison Are truly out dated. The World is changing And Growing, while Prisons Are to many Years Behind.
- 300. Prisoners Should Not Be In Prison Working For Slave Wages. I.e. \$30 A Month of Sometimes Less Than That. Prisoners Should Be given minimum wage per Hour They work. Prisoners Should Be Able To Save The money They Work For. So Upon Their Release They would Have enough for Basic essentials Such As Housing, A Car, Clothes And Food.
- 301. Please Let Me go home Someone lied on me and I was To Stupid to Know how to defend Myself in court
- 302. This Prison displays Cruel & Unusual Punishments unfair hearing committee on tickets and discipline, the seg cells are unsanitary, they use Cells that aren't fully in compliance, sinks broke, Windows Broke and don't work, Radiator Broken, electrical sockets hanging loose, they feed us Very little I've lost over 35 pounds in 3 months in Seg. There healthcare System is flawed and doctors aren't Knowledgeable and show deliberate Indifference, 1 person just died in seg, and Im scared as well.
- 303. We never get yard. Maybe once a month if lucky.
- 304. I Hope You'll Really Take these Answer into consideration, and Help bring about a Resolution to the Problems Advocate for Us
- 305. Dietary Needs to step up the right portions of food being placed on the trays. 600 calories on Each tray is not Enough to stay Healthy. Especially if it consist of butter and bread.
- 306. The Staff aren't punished for mistreating us. The Dietary Food, is horrible and the portions are laughable. It's very hard to get a job or in any schooling.
- 307. God is All! Thank you!
- 308. Get Staff to Stop lying, Healthcare Treatment Dietary Better
- 309. Need more psychological help for inmates. Need to know reason in detail when we are locked down for inmate behavior
- 310. YES, AS I WAS SAYING THIS PARTICULAR C/O HAS BEEN WRITING FALSIFIED DOCUMENTS/TICKETS (SEE SUMMARY) ON INMATES. IF IT WASN'T FOR THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS REVIEWING THE CAMERAS (TAPE) WE BOTH KNOW HOW THIS WOULD HAVE PLAYED OUT, IT WOULD A BEEN MY WORDS AGAINST

HERS (C/O NAME ON SUMMARY. SUMMARY SAYS IT ALL. MY ELIGIBILITY FOR GOOD TIME PROGRAMMING, TRANSFER ETC ETC WOULDA BEEN HINDERED. I DID SEGREGTATION FOR THE TICKET ALSO UNTIL IT WAS DISMISSED (SEE SUMMARY) SO NOW I HAVE MORE ANXIETY, I DONT WANT THIS TO HAPPEN TO ME AGAIN BY THIS PARTICULAR (C/O) I'M WAITING FOR MY GRIEVANCES ABOUT THE ISSUE ALSO, THEY STILL HAVE THEM ON THE SECOND LEVEL. I WROTE THE WARDEN HERE ABOUT IT ALSO, NO REPLY YET OR ON GRIEVANCES ABOUT THE MATTER. I HAVE NO LEGAL HELP REGARDING THE INCIDENT IN THE SUMMARY, WILL YOU ASSIST ME IN CHANLLENGING THIS ON A CIVIL LEVEL POSSIBLY. WHAT STEPS CAN I TAKE TO SEEK REMEDY FOR THIS CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS? PLS HELP!

- 311. I don't have to much to Say It in God hand's Now like It Always Been And Always Is Will. It not that we can Do or Say we Just can Prey For A Change [NAME REDACTED, HOUSING INFO REDACTED] Dixon, IL 61021 2600 N. Brinton Avenue. May yall start getting me Down there to talk to yall every time yall come I have [12+] month What everyone 20 to 30 Yall Need to no I got It from other that Been
- 312. If you want to do something for us get us good time for good behavior. You got incarcerated peoples in HCU that cant go to school who need good time. And who ever is doing good.
- 313. the staff has no responsibility when it comes to treating us badly. Grievance process is a joke. Staff and nursing staff couldn't care less if we don't get medical treatment for anything. Mental Health services are a joke they will give you 100 meds for everything and not put you in any classes to better Mental Health.
- 314. I would really like for everyone to be able to get on the Phones but we can't because gangs run them and people are to scared to say anything because People will find out that you said something and that's not good.
- 315. I don't have any.
- 316. THIS PLACE TREAT MENTALLY HEALTH LIKE A JOKE!!! I BELIEVE THEY SHOULD HIRE TRAINED PROS WHO UNDERSTAND MENTALLY HEALTH ISNT A GAME!
- 317. PLEASE HELP!!
- 318. The institution has a problem with drugs being hoarded and sold when guys go to the med line. The drugs are openly sold in the cellhouses due to no one making sure the guys take the meds at the medline. The openly "cuff" their meds. The CO's write false tickets for anything and they are simply believed with no investigation done by the Adjustment Committee. Even when you show by documents of evidence, that the ticket is false they still find you guilty and give us C-grade, commissary denial, or other punishment, which can't be taken back after you prove your case. There is no records as the LT's, counselors, and Administration give us no credibility in the Disciplinary process.
- 319. The whole prison system is very poor/Bad. Please help us out. It's urgent Police in Jail are Not helping and treating us very Bad. Please! Im Beggin you! Fix Every camera in Every Joint/prison

- 320. It's time to allow skilled residence at Dixon Correctional Center to build, fix, and renew the entire infrastructure, bring new cable, dishwasher, deep fryers, and a better cable contract also hire more C/O's and less Sergeants and Lts—this will begin a Better Place.
- 321. N/A
- 322. BY ALLOWING TRANSFERS TO TRANSFER IF YOU ARE RECLASSIFIED TO A MINIMUM, FOOD IMPROVMENTS, REPAIRS TO THE FACILITY BECAUSE LIVING CONDITIONS IS VERY UNSAFE. "JHA" YALL NEED TO SEE THIS BY ASKING AND INMATE THIS PLACE IS TERRIBLE AND THE LIVING CONDITIONS IS WORSE. THEY HAVE MOLD IN THE SHOWERS, THE CEILINGS HAS FALLEN IN. THERE ARE SKUNKS, RACOONS, AND OTHER ANIMALS LIVING IN THE UNIT WALLS. "JHA" BUILDING 27, 28, 29. 31, 42, 36, 35 MOLD EVERYWHERE. TO THE JHA, THE PLACE NEED LOTS OF HELP!! THE STAFF ALLOWED A LOT OF DEATHS TO HAPPEN WHEN THEY COULD'VE HELP THEM BUT CHOOSE NOT TO!!! THE LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE CELLS ARE IN POOR CONDITIONS AND NEEDS MAJOR REPAIR MOLD AND ADBESTOS ARE EVERYWHERE, LIGHTS DON'T WORK, TOILETS DON'T HARDLY FLUSH
- 323. Enough talking and Start Acting on the problems & issues that been brought forth.
- 324. This jail is all about punishment. The only way to get mental help is if you hurt yourself. Staff opening disrespect us, but if when ever speak to them the wrong way we get punish.

Other Marginalia Comments

Q1. Age (Under 26, 26-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51 and over)

- 1. [51 and over] 65
- 2. [51 and over] + [20+]
- 3. [51 and over] 54
- 4. [41-50] 41

Q2. Race or ethnicity (White, Black, Hispanic or Latino, or Other)

- 1. [Other] Aboriginal Morse American
- 2. [Black] African
- 3. [Other] American
- 4. [White and Other] Native
- 5. [Other] Colors not race. Moorish
- 6. [Other] Mixed
- 7. [Other] Native American 50%
- 8. [Blank] WHY DOES THIS MATTER ANYMORE
- 9. [Other] Human

- 10. [Blank] Human
- 11. [Blank] Earthman
- 12. [White and Other] Alien
- 13. [Other] Bi-Racial

Q3. Are you within two years of release? (Yes/No)

- 1. [No] Allowing to outdate
- 2. [No] Life-[30+] in
- 3. [Blank] Differs Law's/Merits
- 4. [Yes] (With good time sentence credits)
- [Yes] Governor Pritzkers pick of 120 veterans clemency now on Governors desk should put me out by [MONTH REDACTED]2022, because no murder and [30+] years served. Im 10% injury [YEAR REDACTED]
- 6. [Yes] 13 months
- 7. [Yes] Only God knows
- 8. [No] [DATE REDACTED] is my MSR
- 9. [Blank] With Good Time, I will Be.

Q4. Were you first incarcerated prior to age 25? (Yes/No)

- 1. [Yes] 1st of 5 sentencings
- 2. [No] 21
- 3. [Yes] 20 year old

Q5. What housing status are you currently on? (General Population, Restrictive Housing, or Other)

- 1. [Other] mental health
- 2. [Gen Pop and Other] X-House
- 3. [Other] STC
- 4. [Other] Special Treatment Center (Dixon C.C.)
- 5. [Other] mental health
- 6. [Other] Healthcare unit and it's bad
- 7. [Other] STC
- 8. [Other] "HCU 3-FL"
- 9. [Other] "Elderly 26 House over 50"
- 10. [Other] X-House DPU (Mental Health Unit)
- 11. [Other] STC
- 12. [Other] Hospice 3rd Fl HCU Dixon
- 13. [Other] STC
- 14. [Other] Hell
- 15. [Other] Hospital
- 16. [GP] DPU/Max building #148

- 17. [Other] psych-mental health
- 18. [Other] X-House
- 19. [Other] DPU
- 20. [Other] Healthcare unit
- 21. [Other] 43 House STC-PSYCH DIXON CC
- 22. [Other] Stc Housing
- 23. [Other] STC

Q6. Are you currently getting at least two hours a day out of your cell or sleeping area? (Yes or No)

- 1. [Yes] most days
- 2. [Yes] But no yard
- 3. [Yes] But very rarely are we given yard or any fresh air or sunlight
- 4. [Blank] Sometimes on lockdown for short of staff...! When we not
- 5. [Blank] yes only cause I'm a porter, no others/most are not
- 6. [Yes] Some days we are on lockdown almost every weekend friday to Monday
- 7. [Yes] If not staff shortage: lockdowns
- 8. [Blank] at time?
- 9. [Blank] At times
- 10. [Yes] When not on lockdowns
- 11. [Blank] Sometimes
- 12. [Blank] Sometimes
- 13. [Yes] Something the joint go on lock down for days
- 14. [Yes] "When not on lockdown due to short staff."
- 15. [Blank] At times
- 16. [Yes and No] Sometimes Maybe
- 17. [Blank] Depends
- 18. [No] Sometimes
- 19. [No] FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSE
- 20. [No] I Don't come out my cell
- 21. [Yes and No] Sometimes It Depends on if the officers want to come to work.
- 22. [No] Sometimes Not
- 23. [Yes and No] When not on lockdown-when on lockdown
- 24. [Yes] (WHEN NOT ON LOCKDOWN DUE TO ALLEGEDLY STAFF SHORTAGE)
- 25. [No] 1 hour a day in the morning time
- 26. [Blank] As of Now Yes.
- 27. [No] not every day.
- 28. [Blank] most of the time
- 29. [Yes] when not on a level 1 Due to no staff
- 30. [Yes] Yes, As long As we Not on These lockdowns Due To understaffing Etc.
- 31. [Yes] DUE TO UNDERSTAFF SEVERAL LOCKDOWNS
- 32. [Blank] All Depend if they want to show up for work

Q7. Do you have a work or school assignment? (Work, School, Both, Neither)

- 1. [School] drug program
- 2. [Neither] But requested
- 3. [Work] Unit Porter [NAME and ID REDACTED]
- 4. [Work] Volunteer as well
- 5. [Neither] No incentive cant get good time so whats the use
- 6. [Blank] "Free volunteer 6 days a week. I [VOLUNTEERING DETAILS REDACTED]
- 7. [School] Care, Counsel, Combat Trauma Course, Outside Source for Veterans
- 8. [Neither] I am mandatory ABE though
- 9. [Neither] NOT FOR LACK OF TRYING
- 10. [Neither] I will NEVER "work" for any corrupt System of Control!
- 11. [Neither] I am do like Staff Class
- 12. [Neither] At the moment

Q8. Mark response that best describes how you feel (Strongly Agree = SA, Agree = A, Neutral = N, Disagree = D, Strongly Disagree = SD)

Relationships between staff and incarcerated people are good.

- 1. [Blank] It Depends on which staff member
- 2. [A] with some
- 3. [N] Some
- 4. [Blank] For me yes
- 5. [N] In between
- 6. [Blank] fair

I receive support from staff when I need it.

- 1. [Blank] Sometimes
- 2. [Blank] Same answer as Above
- 3. [N] Barely
- 4. [SD] THINGS STOLEN FROM MAIL
- 5. [Blank] most of the time

Staff here treat incarcerated people fairly when applying the rules.

- 1. [SD] And can prove it
- 2. [Blank] Sometimes too fairly
- 3. [Blank] No rules they make they own rules as they see fit
- 4. [SD] Inconsistent as hell

I trust the officers

- 1. [N] Some
- 2. [N] Some
- 3. [N] some
- 4. [A] some
- 5. [Blank] I TRUST NO ONE
- 6. [N] some

I get along well with the officers on my unit.

- 1. [N] some officers
- 2. [A] At this time
- 3. [A] some

The best way to get things done is to go through official channels.

- 1. [SD] Riot
- 2. [SD] getting things done rarely happens
- 3. [SD] I agree but it doesn't provide any relief
- 4. [A] Some time!
- 5. [SD] Only through the courts
- 6. [A] sometimes
- 7. [D] LOL
- 8. [SA] Best way is to riot & file Law suits
- 9. [D] NOTHING IS DONE ABOUT STEALING MAIL

I have been helped significantly by a staff member with a particular problem.

- 1. [SA] I am an outlier
- 2. [SA] Counselor [NAME REDACTED]Only
- 3. [A] Some
- 4. [A] 1

Overall, I am treated fairly by staff.

- 1. [SD] Never
- 2. [A] some
- 3. [Blank] Inconsistent as hell
- 4. [Blank] staff don't Care one way or other

I am treated as a person of value

- 1. [A] once again, I am an outlier
- 2. [SD] \$ then yes hell yea

- 3. [A] some
- 4. [SD] LMAO
- 5. [A] Don't Ask, Don't Tell

Q9. Mark response that best describes how you feel (Strongly Agree = SA, Agree = A, Neutral = N, Disagree = D, Strongly Disagree = SD)

I feel safe from being injured, bullied, or threatened by other incarcerated people

- 1. [A] This is not due to staff though
- 2. [SD] Bio electro magnetic weapons
- 3. [SA] But not because of staff/institution
- 4. [A and D] It happens often

To improve my situation, I have to meet impossible expectations

1. [Blank] YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THOSE EXPECTATIONS ARE

Staff have enough experience and expertise to deal with issues that matter to me.

- 1. [D] counselors are poorly trained
- 2. [SA] but Deny help
- 3. [SD] LGBTQ Never
- 4. [A] some

If you do something wrong, staff only use punishments if they have tried other options first.

- 1. [N] depends on the officer
- 2. [Blank] Don't punish enuff
- 3. [SD] Punish first
- 4. [Blank] Tickets Seg Toss cell No other options
- 5. [A] some
- 6. [SD] NOT BY WHAT IVE SEEN

Staff are argumentative towards incarcerated people.

- 1. [SA] most staff
- 2. [A] Always MAGA people
- 3. [SD] every Day
- 4. [A] some
- 5. [N] Cynical

To get things done, you have to ask and ask and ask.

- 1. [SA] riot
- 2. [A] Damn Shame
- 3. [SA] No gym yet!
- 4. [A] sometimes

- 5. [SA] THEN GET BLOWN OFF
- 6. [SA] violently
- 7. [SA] NOTHING IS DONE ABOUT GANGS
- 8. [A] For most

Supervision of incarcerated people is poor.

- 1. [N] From a surveillance standpoint, No!
- 2. [SA] People have died under their care!!
- 3. [SD] Funny? HA HA

The environment encourages me to think about and plan for my release.

- 1. [SA] In a perverse way!
- 2. [N] I'm assertive
- 3. [SD] in your dreams
- 4. [A] some
- 5. [SA] YOU BET CHA!
- 6. [SA] THE HOUSING UNIT IM ON YES!

Positive things only happen for a certain type of people.

- 1. [A] ones who try to make positive things happen
- 2. [SA] Those who want it!
- 3. [SA] GAY PEOPLE
- 4. [SA] Only homosexual
- 5. [SA] if you're white
- 6. [A] Gay White
- 7. [Blank] ITS NOT ABOUT RACE

I can't improve my situation through good behavior.

- 1. [A] I'm already in a good situation (Industry job)
- 2. [SA] Here Only
- 3. [SA] MY RIGHTS ARE VIOLATED

My experience of imprisonment in this particular prison has been stressful.

- 1. [SA] seemingly
- 2. [D] Should be, but is not
- 3. [A] Very
- 4. [D] No class for sex off.
- 5. [SA] TRIPLE WITH CHEESE
- 6. [SA] VERY

I have to be careful about everything I do, or it can be used against me.

1. [SA] concerning mental health and available services

On the whole, I am just doing time rather than using my time.

- 1. [SA] Check Questions answered 12-15
- 2. [A] Not by choice, there's no options
- 3. [A] Trying best school
- 4. [A] At this point
- 5. [SA] Yes
- 6. [SA] As of the moment the DOC is now

This prison is controlled by incarcerated people rather than staff.

- 1. [SD] That a Fuck Lie
- 2. [A] In healthcare
- 3. [SA] The work yes!!!
- 4. [SA] Organization
- 5. [SA] Both Gangs + Officers
- 6. [A] mostly
- 7. [Blank] DEFINE THE DIFFERANCE?
- 8. [A] GANGS STEAL FROM ME

This prison is well organized.

- 1. [A] against me
- 2. [D] Used to be!
- 3. [N] It was prior to the pandemic morale is super low!!!
- 4. [SA] Fuck Up Dixon
- 5. [A] At full staff!
- 6. [D] For gangs

I feel that I am treated with respect by staff.

- 1. [A] most staff
- 2. [SD] Grievances filed
- 3. [A] Some staff
- 4. [N] some
- 5. [Blank] I'm an inmate
- 6. [A] some

Staff respond promptly to incidents and alarms

- 1. [A] It only happens when it involves staff
- 2. [SD] services rejected
- 3. [D] Not incidents
- 4. [SA] when they are involved
- 5. [SA] When it concerns them

When I need to get something done, I can normally get it done by talking to someone face to face.

- 1. [SD] Warden is two face
- 2. [SD] cant see wardens

- 3. [SD] LOL
- 4. [D] they spin you most of the time.
- 5. [SA] NOTHING IS DONE
- 6. [SA] And you still may not get it Done

You never know the rules

- 1. [SD] I have a rule book
- 2. [SA] NO orientation 12-28-21 to 11/20/22
- 3. [A] differ person 2 person
- 4. [D] Some
- 5. [Blank] they change person to person
- 6. [SA] Change all time
- 7. [A] They change
- 8. [A] Always change
- 9. [SD] I know the Rules
- 10. [SD] I DO
- 11. [SA] rules change depending on the staff

My experience in this prison is painful.

- 1. [N] Sex offender
- 2. [SA] I HATE IT.

There is a hierarchy among incarcerated people.

- 1. [SA] gangs
- 2. [SA] White + Gays on top Black + Latinos on the Bottom
- 3. [SA] homosexuals stool pigeons
- 4. [Blank] I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT HIERARCHY WORD MEANS
- 5. [SA] THERE ARE GANG LEADERS
- 6. [SA] Snitches & homosexuals get treated better!!
- 7. [SA] GANG SHIT

The disciplinary system is fair.

- 1. [SD] It's a kangaroo court
- 2. [SD] Not this camp
- 3. [SD] grievances ODR procedures
- 4. [A] violating other provisions
- 5. [SD] If you are white
- 6. [N] No not fair!
- 7. [SD] Hell no!
- 8. [SD] please!
- 9. [SD] You can't Never beat a ticket even if you are right
- 10. [SD] Not 4 LGBTQ
- 11. [SD] INCONSISTANT AS HELL
- 12. [SD] You cant even request camera footage!!

There are a few incarcerated people who run things on this unit.

- 1. [SA] Phones
- 2. [A] Oh yea
- 3. [Blank] Inmates rule telephone
- 4. [SA] The gangs
- 5. [SA] stool pigeons
- 6. [A] Some
- 7. [SA] THEY LET GANGS STEAL
- 8. [SA] gangs phones

I have to buy and sell things in order to get by.

- 1. [SA] Phones
- 2. [SA] No job placement
- 3. [A] YES
- 4. [N] Seen other do

Decisions are dominated by concerns about security.

- 1. [SA] creating a stressful environment is of no concern!
- 2. [SA] we stay on lockdown w/ Refused services
- 3. [Blank] All the Time!
- 4. [SA] The way they unhumanally treat us residents
- 5. [SA] rather than rehabilitating people
- 6. [A] Mostly
- 7. [SD] THEY WERE ONCE BASED ON A C/O'S COOKOUT, AND GOLF OUTING— TRUE STORY
- 8. [Blank] DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT WORD DOMINATED MEANS
- 9. [SA] If they want to punish you, just say its safety & security

My time here seems like a chance to make positive changes.

- 1. [D] Because there is no programs or anything that would help me to make these changes.
- 2. [SA] IF I WORK ON MYSELF, NOT BECAUSE OF ANY PROGRAMS THAT ARENT OFFERED OR THEY PRETEND TO OFFER WHEN SOMEONE WATCHING
- 3. [Blank] NO
- 4. [Blank] There is not tools for that
- 5. [SA] Hell yall
- 6. [A] Mostly

Q10. Mark response that best describes how you feel (Strongly Agree = SA, Agree = A, Neutral = N, Disagree = D, Strongly Disagree = SD)

I am not being treated as a human being in here.

- 1. [SA] as a paycheck
- 2. [D] To a certain degree
- 3. [Blank] We've answered this already
- 4. [N] Things stolen it not right
- 5. [SD] They lied on my Fiance and when I requested that they view the video visit, they didn't!

You have to be in a group or gang in order to get by.

- 1. [A] Phones
- 2. [A] phone
- 3. [SD] No
- 4. [SA] I'm **[ILLEGIBLE]**
- 5. [A] Telephone
- 6. [SA] Gay
- 7. [N] Some Places Here but me No
- 8. [SA] Phones
- 9. [SA] Now u get it
- 10. [N] No But would Be able to use the Phone A lot more
- 11. [SA] Or get stolen from

When important decisions are made about me, I am treated as an individual, not a number.

- 1. [N] At Time!
- 2. [SD] unfair disciplinary system

Drugs cause a lot of problems between incarcerated people.

- 1. [N] I don't use drugs
- 2. [N] I Don't Get involved
- 3. [SA] We need to talk
- 4. [A] Some
- 5. [A] Gangs do get pills somehow

Bullying behavior by incarcerated people is not tolerated.

- 1. [SD] the phones
- 2. [SD] Its allowed
- 3. [SA and SD] As me—Dixon CC
- 4. [Blank] LOL
- 5. [A] Except for thieves

All they care about is my offense and security level, not the person I really am.

- 1. [SA] I was a minimum for no reason raised me to a medium
- 2. [Blank] That's how it should be, security 1st duh?!
- 3. [SA] at times
- 4. [A] Sometimes
- 5. [SA] THE ADMINISTRATION DEFINITELY
- 6. [SA] Finally, the truth

Anyone who harms themselves is considered by staff to be more of an attention seeker than someone who needs help.

- 1. [N] Never have Done that
- 2. [SA] And call them Bitches
- 3. [SA] Ding Ding-Ding
- 4. [A] Some
- 5. [SA] IVE OBSERVED THEM GET PISSED AT THESE INDIVIDUALS AND RETALIATE AGAINST THEM

I am able to maintain meaningful contact with my outside supports.

- 1. [Blank] Don't Understand
- 2. [N] I Don't Do phone
- 3. [A] The visit's are depressing, the old way was better. Morale is low
- 4. [D] I have on one
- 5. [SD] Fight for phone
- 6. [SA] If I pay to use the phone or sex
- 7. [a] When we are not locked down because staff members don't want to come to work

This prison is poor at giving incarcerated people reasons for decisions.

1. [SA] to Pursue Administrative Influence of Rules

Staff help incarcerated people maintain contact with outside supports.

- 1. [D] it not up to staff
- 2. [A] Some staff do
- 3. [SD] Only the gangs

This is a humane prison.

- 1. [N] At times
- 2. [D] For a Dog Pound
- 3. [D] Whats your idea of humane?

Incarcerated people in this prison spend too long locked up in cells.

- 1. [D] when we stay off lockdown
- 2. [A] They going crazy
- 3. [SA] To much lockdowns over short staff
- 4. [N] Some don't spend enough

- 5. [D] This is prison
- 6. [A] Lately
- 7. [A and D] Again when they don't want to come to work All Depend

This prison is safe for incarcerated people.

- 1. [N] at times
- 2. [SD] The healthcare system is bad
- 3. [SD] Not LGBTQ
- 4. [SD] It's not even safe for staff! Have you seen it?
- 5. [N] Not from gang thieves
- 6. [SA] Mold all over

Mental health treatment is available.

- 1. [A] Mental health professionals are available. I don't know how the treatment is.
- 2. [D] they don't follow procedure
- 3. [SD] Not Relevant treatment
- 4. [N] With lies and ticket by mental Health
- 5. [SD] Not an adequate level
- 6. [D] Through a TV

This prison is better now than it was last year.

- 1. [N] Covid
- 2. [A] But worse than it was pre-COVID!
- 3. [A] No Way!
- 4. [D] Not secure enough
- 5. [SD] Down Hill
- 6. [N] I wasn't here
- 7. [SD] Gets worst every year
- 8. [SD] R you kidding!
- 9. [SD] Not w/ This Warden
- 10. [Blank] IDK
- 11. [N] Warden [NAME REDACTED] is trying
- 12. [SD] Worse
- 13. [Blank] N/A
- 14. [Blank] wasn't here
- 15. [SD] Worst

Every effort is made by this prison to help people stop committing offenses on release from custody.

- 1. [SA] They have Programs But hard to Get in
- 2. [SD] whom? made this. would you stop the bullshit
- 3. [SD] No reentry or job training to STC
- 4. [SD] (All Lies)

- 5. [SD] I don't think there is Anything or any classes for Help other then AA—no sex offender class
- 6. [SD] Every effort? They do nothing for these kids.
- 7. [SD] Never
- 8. [SD] Enforce the law

I am satisfied with food from dietary.

- 1. [SD] Strongly disagree
- 2. [SD] Hell no
- 3. [SD] Please eat here...once?
- 4. [SD] Its cold and its always leftovers
- 5. [SD] Real Bad
- 6. [SD] They do not clean the trays properly
- 7. [SD] if you like dog food, yar!
- 8. [SD] We had mice in the food few month ago cook
- 9. [SD] Terrible Food
- 10. [SD] Super
- 11. [SD] NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!

I have the opportunity to go to yard at least twice a week

- 1. [SD] we do not get yard! Facts!
- 2. [SD] Suppose to But Don't!
- 3. [SD] DUE TO LOCKDOWNS AND UNDER STAFF
- 4. [SD] No Yard
- 5. [SD] Never go to yard in Dixon
- 6. [SD] Always On Lockdown due To Lack of Staff
- 7. [SD] once every week
- 8. [SD] In the past 6 months we have had about 10 yards. is that legal?
- 9. [SD] they keep us locked Down
- 10. [D] Not all 5 month now (no gym either)
- 11. [SD] No Way
- 12. [SD] scheduled and canceled
- 13. [A] Unless understaffed
- 14. [SD] No yard always understaffed
- 15. [SD] We need gym!!!
- 16. [SD] No yard at all in the last 2 months
- 17. [SD] At all
- 18. [SD] They only give us 50 min some weeks
- 19. [SD] We go once a month no joke
- 20. [SD] is cancelled most of the time
- 21. [SD] Never
- 22. [SD] 1 a month maybe
- 23. [Blank] Not at all
- 24. [SD] Once a month if that

- 25. [SD] we never go to yard not have I ever been to the gym
- 26. [SD] They Always canceling yard saying short of staff.

Q11. Overall, on a scale of 1 to 10, mark the box this prison deserves in terms of quality of life/general treatment of the people incarcerated here.

- 1. [1] No yard But Once A month. I Am in building **[REDACTED]**. there is A camera system that goes back 3 months. check the DVRs!
- 2. [1, 2, and 3] # varies
- 3. [1] meaning poor Quality the noodles have doubled in price
- 4. [1] I live in healthcare on third floor and it's bad
- 5. [2] They treat us fucked up.
- 6. [Blank] -10
- 7. [Blank] Zero
- 8. [Blank] 0
- 9. [Blank] -0
- 10. [Blank] -5
- 11. [Blank] -1
- 12. [Blank] :(NOT AN ARTIST RENDERING THAT WOULD BE MUCH WORSE.
- 13. [Blank] 0
- 14. [Blank] Dont Understand Question

Miscellaneous Comments

- P.S. Someone Died in Restrictive housing here At Dixon Correctional on [DATE REDACTED] he had surgery and was not given Proper medical Attention. And this has caused inmates not to trust any staff Because I saw them let this man Die, he was asking and Asking for help. My Name is [NAME REDACTED]. Please Investigate this Death. Please! Look into this Death
- 2. Please help us this place is messed up!!
- 3. The hearing committee's (disciplinary system) here is "very unfair and unjust" also we do not get "gym" like we are entitled to get it, because they do not run it at all (it's been 3 yrs since they called gym line)!!!!
- 4. "my choice" [NAME AND HOUSING UNIT REDACTED] ADA in wheelchair
- 5. Inmate law clerk last name [NAME REDACTED] told another inmate not to get near me or he might get molested. I told wardens and law library lady in charge that he [NAME REDACTED] should be fired for exploiting me on the deck of [HOUSING UNIT REDACTED]. They did nothing. In fact, once when at c/o desk to [PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED], the library lady said "oh fuck" because I was near, so I can't escape my past.
- 6. **[NAME REDACTED]** I am putting my name on here because I don't care if they know They have already done everything they can do to me for writing grievances. Even the mailroom holds my mail for 2 months to get back at me.

- 7. About a week ago I had a friend that died in Restrictive Housing Do to the negligence of the Healthcare staff, officers
- 8. Thank You So Much, for holding IDOC accountable!
- 9. [NAME REDACTED] I have natural life plus [100+] years
- 10. High profile sex offender attempt murder, rape burglary [100+] years. [40+] done by [DATE REDACTED].

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