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The Honorable William Wayne Justice
Chief Judge
United States District Court
Post Office Box 330
Tyler, Texas 75710

Dear Judge Justice:

About a year ago, I wrote and commended you on your efforts to bring about some type of decency in the Texas Department of Corrections.

After reading the October issue of Newsweek magazine, I just had to write you again. That is the most devastating article that I've read in years. You have been exactly right from start to finish.

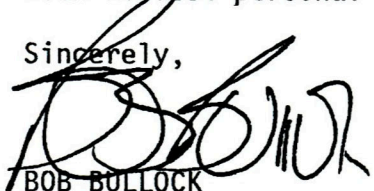
Since I collect the taxes and write the checks, I personally can't see the Legislature providing adequate funding to correct the problems that exist unless some court mandates us to do so.

When the Legislature comes back in January, they will be \$1 billion short for this budget period and in the neighborhood of \$5-7 billion short for 1988-1989.

I have an excellent research staff. It is available to you and to anyone you so direct at anytime. In addition, I don't know how my testimony might be of help, but anytime you need it just let me know and I'll be there.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,


BOB BULLOCK
Comptroller of Public Accounts

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