

Dear Judge Justice,

Many people in Texas have heard of your ruling to reform the prisons. I can understand why you are forcing the issue. It's hard to get the state to act on something such as this. Recently I read that you refused to let the state use some facilities as temporary housing for inmates, citing the absence of certain athletic equipment, etc. I think the author of the article made a good point when he said that most of us have to pay big bucks for that kind of equipment. The prisoners for the most part are guilty of committing a crime, and they don't really deserve a lot of creature comforts. I know that the prison system needs improvement, but I believe that the prisoners' greatest need is to be treated with fairness and respect by the prison employees. They should not be punished cruelly, and they need to be protected from the other prisoners. I say this because I have a friend who was in prison in Texas, and these are his concerns. As the state releases more inmates, the general public is being endangered. Please consider carefully your decisions.

Sincerely,
Tammy Nelson