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To Whom It May Concern:

I am appalled at the 3 strikes laws. The public (with the huge financial campaign funds from the Prison Guard Union) has effectively tied the hands of the judges and the justice system from intervening and doing their job.

Now that the prisons are clogged up with a larger than average number of offenders caught by the 3 strikes system, and it is time to pay up. The kitty comes with a litter box. Did the Prison Guard Union think about these long term costs? Probably not. Prop 66 was the icing on the cake.

Upgrading the medical care will be painful. The public voted this into law twice. Now it is high time to pay for what they created.

Perhaps some of the costs could be off-set by a volunteer donation by the Prison Guard Union? They could match the same amount they spent getting those bills passed and donate it to California school systems. In fact they could make the donation to California 3rd graders. California, New Mexico and Arizona all project the building of the prisons by 3rd grade reading scores.

Money needs to go to improving the prison system. If there is no more funding for high school drop outs and 3rd graders failing reading tests – fixing the medical care in prison is about as effective as improving a cat shelter and never spaying and neutering.

It needs to be improved no matter what the cost. California created it. It has to be paid for.

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