

Five Cases Against CSCs OAI Policy

Pay Cut

As you know the CSC is taking a 22% slice out of your pay, supposedly to make us more accountable. All the evidence I have seen demonstrates that this has nothing to do with accountability and more to do with arbitrary political punishment. While the Corrections and Conditional Release Regulations provide for exemptions from these deductions it appears that very few meet their requirements and actually receive the exemption. I filed a case against the Commissioner to address this matter on our behalf. The Case Docket # is: T-1685-13

Incentive Pay Removal

As everyone who works, or used to work in CORCAN knows the CSC has completely removed the Incentive Pay scheme, which has radically reduced their income. It has also been noted that many of the workers who used to receive the exemption now do not qualify, even though they are getting less money than when they did qualify. I filed a case against the Commissioner to address this matter on our behalf. The Case Docket # is: T-251-14

8% Phone Charge

As you know the CSC is taking 8% of your yearly income and applying it (they say) to cover the cost of administering the phone system. It appears to me that this is an arbitrary number and unfairly targets impoverished prisoners. It is also unfair that CSC is applying the charge to prisoners no matter how often they use the phone system, or if they even use the phones at all. This is an unfair and undefendable practice. I filed a case against the Commissioner to address this matter on our behalf. The Case Docket # is: T-252-14

Purchasing Removal

As you have noticed there has been a dramatic reduction in the retail outlets we are able to purchase allowable items. The effect is that there are many items we simply can not purchase anymore. As far as I can see the CSC has not taken steps to provide access to a supplier (in many cases), nor have they provided anything in writing explaining how they are addressing this matter as it impacts prisoners today. I filed a case against the Commissioner to address this matter on our behalf. The Case Docket # is: T-253-14

In this case I made a Motion to have it Stayed until I have completed T-1685-13 (Pay), T-251-14 (Incentive Pay), and T-252-14 (8% Phone Charge). Three Federal Court cases at one time is complicated enough so I chose the ones that I thought were most important. The above applies to the case below about the Grievance system.

Grievance Amendments

I have been concerned with how dysfunctional the CSC Complaint System (CGS) is and has been for over 30 years. Whenever the CSC talks about improving it they always claim the fault for the CGS failure is that some prisoners overuse it. It is my opinion that the reason the CGS is dysfunctional is simply due to systemic failures that could easily be fixed by taking steps to make the system and those who answer the complaints to be more accountable. It is my position that a 'Case Law' type approach to the CGS mechanism would ensure against prisoners having to reargue complaints that have previously been addressed which would dramatically reduce the amount of complaints. I filed this Case against the Commissioner to address this matter on our behalf. The Case Docket # is: T-254-14 As mentioned above this Case is Stayed until I finish the first 3 Cases.

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