

## **Dorchester Institution**

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**M**y recent attempt at attaining sufficient access to amenities for the research and processing of legal proceedings have been thwarted. Without sufficient access to a computer, computer programs, photocopying, legal research material, and the like I cannot defend my rights as a human being. I have also lost all arguments and opportunities to seek legal redress due to lack of access.

This has been an issue in all institutions I have been detained in over the past thirteen years. I did purchase a personal computer in 2015 so I could have it in my cell to do my legal work. This has been refused and I am forced to use Correctional Service Canada (CSC) supplied computers, which I can only access for a few hours a week. My legal arguments lack precision due to this continual denial of access to proper legal amenities and I am at my wit's end as CSC refuses to grant me such sufficient access to these required amenities.

If Canada wishes to be a beacon for human rights, it must provide its citizens who are subject to state power the tools needed to defend themselves against abuses. This injustice can be remedied by allowing access to the following:

1. Personal computers in cells;
2. Case law and research;
3. A photocopier with reasonable printing rates;
4. Computer programs for educational purposes; and
5. Electronic transmission of legal aid materials to courts and lawyers.

I would also like to see the following addressed:

1. Allowing the local purchasing of goods through local shops, not via a catalogue that contains items available for ludicrous prices;
2. A viable and transparent means for those deemed to be “dangerous offenders” to work their way towards their rehabilitation and eventual safe re-entry into society;
3. To eliminate and replace the current prisoner grievance process so that CSC no longer polices itself; and
4. Change the Correctional Investigator system in a way that holds CSC to account and results in recommendations being adopted for the betterment of prisoners and public safety.