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Inside the prisons two of the biggest problems are connected - the quality of the food they serve us and the amount of money they are paying us. Dinner is especially bad, most nights the majority of the food is being thrown in the trash because it is unpalatable. Every Tuesday and Thursday and many other nights trays are not eaten because it's so bad. People are forced to buy commissary to survive and they are not paying us enough to support ourselves. A dollar a day is not enlightenment to support oneself in here. For some bizarre reason, the last time they increased the pay the people struggling the most - those making seventy five cents a day - were given a twenty five cent per day increase. Those who were making the MOST money, industry workers were given a forty cent per HOUR increase. Why did the poor stay poor and the rich get richer when they were able to increase the pay? A dollar a day is slave wages in today's economy. Please ask that prisoners be paid a minimum of three dollars a day and slop meals be removed from the menu. Thank you.