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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Chairman  
United States Senate

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
United States Senate

In conjunction with this massive increase in prison population, we have also witnessed skyrocketing prison expenditures. In the last 30 years, the cost to maintain the federal prison population has grown by 1700 percent and shows no signs of abating. In fact, President Barack Obama's FY 2013 budget request for the BOP totals \$6.9 billion, which is an increase of \$278



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