



Dear _____ ,

I am writing asking you to address the problem of fees incarcerated people have to pay in order to be seen by a medical professional. These fees often keep prisoners from requesting much needed care. This is dangerous for the individuals and prison populations as a whole. Many illnesses are passed from one prisoner to another. With timely care, an outbreak can often be avoided. Also, inmates leaving prisons and jails can pass illnesses on to the general population upon release. It benefits not only individuals but all of us for the incarcerated in this country to have better access to medical care.

The states of California (2018) and Illinois (2019) passed legislation putting an end to such fees. This needs to be addressed in all states and federally. Please use your influence and position to act on this issue.

Sincerely,
