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Hon. Andrew Cuomo  
State of New York  
State Capitol  
2nd Floor  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I am distraught and dismayed relative to the news accounts that tablets will be made available to 51,000 incarcerated individuals within our state correctional facilities.

This policy decision to reward and furnish luxury items like these tablets to prisoners is an affront to our law abiding citizens. Our citizens, veterans, school districts and libraries all across our state, struggle to provide for their families, students and patrons. What message does this send to them!

We already have people moving to New York State for our lavish Medicaid programs and now criminals will also be moving here and if convicted and sent to a state prison will have access to luxuries not afforded in other out of state correctional facilities.

I call on you to reconsider this misguided policy and urge JayP Inc. to work with our school system, libraries and veterans organizations to furnish tablets to law abiding citizens instead of those who are currently incarcerated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Hawley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S".

**STEVE HAWLEY**  
Member of Assembly  
139<sup>th</sup> AD

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