



- There is real community concerns with these prisons and tax dollars are better spent on educating people including youths to be productive members of society. Prisons without staffing is a continued problem.
- The one we have already have has so many issues and no staff and people that escape!
- Current Prison Management in Glennville is horrible, fix what currently exists before building more!
- They cant control the ones we have now
- Too much drain on County resources
- The prison systems are operating against DOC policy every day by being understaffed and not one thing is being done.All hell is going to take place one day and the state is going to be held accountable.Just a matter of time.
- Prisons are a drain on our County
- This isn't wanted in the community. The prison in Glennville already gets horrible attention.
- We are having trouble recruiting people to work in the current prisons. They need to move it to a county where they can recruit staff. State prisons take property out of the tax digest for the city or county that they are located in. They also require water and sewage services. They require ambulance services and judges and courtrooms to prosecute actions that take place inside the prison. Too expensive for the county.
- They can't staff the ones they have now.To dangerous for the officers to work without proper staffing.The prison system has been neglected for years by Atlanta.
- Rather have the cow pastures than a corrupt new facility.
- GDC needs to do their job and lock that prison down. Bring all special units until you gain control of it and transfer the worse inmates to high maximum prisons.
- There is no need to build another facility in Tattnall County. Due to the cost and low security, it will be dangerous for our county to have another facility. Rather, let us focus on educating, supporting, and remediating potential candidates for such a facility.
- We have done our part for decades in supporting the Georgia penal system. Now the prisoners are running the prisons. Please move this one somewhere else!!
- County is financially unable to support the prison system. Workforce is not available for such dangerous work. Limited resources such as fire and law

enforcement should be exclusive to our tax payers. Current failure speaks for itself. NO to the prisons in Tattnall.

- not enough people to work it.
- They need to tend to the one they already have that is having so many issues going on now.
- <https://open.spotify.com/show/6sP2ax0imB5ZdJvUpjtZao?si=qA2XOvWnTZa wkLLn3sPVuA>
- The current prison in the area is in terrible condition. It's astounding how poorly it has been run. It's horrifying embarrassing. Why would citizens support ANOTHER failure? NO!
- We need to get rid of Smith State Prison NOW
- We do not need anything else to drain funds from our county. A prison will not contribute to our economy in a positive way. The jobs that it will create are enough to impact the cost of court fees, extra county sheriff's department cost for deputies to work prison drops, local medical resources, etc. Those families who come to live near an incarcerated relative drain our county resources for healthcare, food, subsidized housing and other government benefits. It's a lose lose for our community
- I believe that it's other things that we need to focus on. We had a prison in Tattnall that was recently closed down.
- Can't run the ones they have now. Severe security risk now for the staff and public.
- The prison that's in Tattnall County is not under control. Tattnall County Don't Need Another Prison. We need a Grocery Store.
- EMS and court cost to the our citizens is massive. Heck No!
- Please don't bring another prison! Listen to us. There are 70 prisoner court cases that the tax payers are paying for!
- The prisons are costing the tax payers too much money. No No No!!!
- It's too dangerous for the community and the officers who work in this community. We have seen too much over the years.
- This county wants bigger prisons for criminals when their current citizens have to travel out of town for decent grocery and clothing stores?? It's sickening.
- I've lived in multiple other States and the have never in my life seen so much violence at a Prison, i think the current one needs alot of attention, it's understaffed and people are dying left and right. I thought this was a safe town and will be selling my home soon because i do not want my teenagers to grow up

thinking this is normal. i feel bad for the inmates, the workers and the people who live in this city.

- We can't handle the ones we already have. We by no means need another one.
- That's just adding to the mess we have at smiths. And prisons do not rehabilitate they want to keep it filled to line their pockets and y'all's. No thanks
- Too many murders already-incompetent State level leadership. Tim Ward should be indicted for allowing so many murders & assaults on his watch , but instead was given a life job & a tremendous pay raise for his service. Our hometown Parole Board Chairman should be ashamed to sit with him in the same room being one of Glennville's most prominent citizens was murdered on his watch!!
- Burden on county services for tax paying citizens!
- They can't employ enough now to run a 1000 man facility, the new commissioner has no experience in running a high profile prison. He should tour Smith without his squad and see what it feels like to have to fear your life every minute your at work. Years of experience versus actually hands on is not the same. Most managers are where they are due to who they know & a lot of a—kissing , not actual hands on experience. It is a burden on Tattnall county in general , EMS, Court System & Sheriffs Department. The only thing the county gets in return is the Fire services from Smith & Rogers. There is only around 20% of employees from Tattnall, the balance is from surrounding counties!!
- Tattnall County does not need anymore prison in the area. We need to create opportunities for a more diverse workforce by courting higher skilled safe industries into the region.
- We do not need any more prisons in this area . When the inmates have more rights than the employees and the judicial system is only concerned about the profits it's time to put the prisons in the big cities . Send them to NewYork .
- They're doing a terrible job managing Smith State Prison here in Tattnall County. You can't find enough people to hire or who wants to work at Prisons anymore, so it's a NO for me.
- HELL No
- The prisons we already have are out of control and a new prison isn't going to fix that. Most of the issues are from lack of staff and most of the officers that do work, are part of the problem.
- Costs to county ; provides few jobs; no property taxes. School lose out
- No 3 ambulances and 3 helicopters there today
- The current prisons are understaffed why would we build another

- We already b Have two prisons in Tattnall County that are severely understaffed, so it doesn't justify bringing in jobs when there are jobs open.
- Can't find correctional officers to work Smith State Prison and the other prisons here. Smith State Prison has turn into a out of control BAD, BAD place. It can't even to controlled correctly so why would the people in Tattnall county want another prison. Corrupt warden sent it downhill even further and how does a inmate get found after he's been dead in his cell for 3 days and nobody notices him gone and the deplorable conditions the inmates live in is a crime in itself. That prison should never be that nasty. All kinds of free help in there to clean. Nope, nope & NOPE to another prison here. Build one in the middle of nowhere & not anywhere near a main highway. We love our little town.
- To much trouble in these just look at Smith prison
- There are so many issues at the other prison already. We don't need another one here.
- From what I've been able to gather the current prison facility is corrupt. We don't need another one. Tattnall County is attracting new families to come in which has the potential to be beneficial. It would be unwise to deter growth for the county.
- No we can't get competent workers to run the ones we have now!
- Already have 3 in Tattnall County. Build somewhere else like Evans County or Toombs County
- We can't keep the one we have staffed and safe now. WHY ON EARTH BRING IN ANOTHER?!
- Staffing will be an issue and the drain on local government is an issue.
- I would like to have more factual information released about the economic impact the prison would make on Tattnall County. # of employees currently employed in Tattnall County, \$\$ Tattnall County tax payers are/will be responsible for including medical services, EMS services, County law enforcement services, etc. Is there any state funds that are currently available to the Tattnall County School System, and if so how will that funding be impacted by a new prison. Has an economic study been done to determine the impact of closing the existing Tattnall County prisons, including the possibility that a new prison may be built elsewhere? These are questions that tax payers and citizens need answers for before casting a vote to support or oppose the building of a new prison in Tattnall County. I have answered "No" to supporting a new prison,

because as it stands the tax payers and citizens don't have enough information to make an educated decision.

- Puts a strain on services, loss of property taxes, too many prisons are Tattnall County now.
- We can't even properly staff the two we already have.
- Would this facility be replacing either Smith State or the prison in Reidsville? Why do we need 3 in one county
- Absolutely not the one that we have they don't even have enough employees that will attend to the prisoners that are in there. It is a crown change in our county.
- The current prison is in a mess and understaffed
- What's wrong with the 3 that are already here?! Fix up the old before you build something new! That's what's wrong with Tattnall county all these old buildings sitting vacant but let's build more new. Ridiculous!
- The county doesn't have the resources for this.
- none
- There's already a shortage of staff inside the prisons we have in Tattnall county and surrounding counties so why bring another one to the area. These are jobs that no one wants to work at through GDC due to safety concerns and the treatment of staff, no matter the amount of jobs it can produce for the community and regardless of the pay. Another prison isn't what this county needs.
- There is no control over Smith State prison and our small town does not have the resources to assist with 2 prisons in the area. The state can't keep staffing at the current prison (Smith's) that's full of corruption.
- They're always escaping.
- Of all things that Tattnall County can benefit from and make a profit due to population engagement, this is what crosses your brilliant mind to do with available resources? This doesn't sound like a "For the people" plan at all.
- additional drain on resources in Tattnall county
- We have 3 prisons in Tattnall already and that is enough.
- From the recent numerous prison riots and overall violence throughout the state of Georgia, I believe it would endanger the safety of the public. The standing prisons in the state are already poorly staffed. I am unable to find a proper justification to build another prison in our rural town outside of pure greed and lack of concern for our overall well being.

- This would cause more harm than help to our community. Data and past incidents are proof of that.
- We need something for families. Not prisoners
- We have seen innocent residents of our beautiful county become fearful for their personal safety and property security. We have witnessed the murder of a highly respected veteran and civil servant of our community. The powers that exist to oversee the prisons have failed miserably. No , I am opposed to further prison construction in Tattnall .
- Our family farm is within 2 miles of Rogers State Prison and I have lived on the farm all my life. The prison has become less secure due to being understaffed and poor management. Our community has done its part to house criminals for the state for over seventy years and it is time for another part of the state over.
- The prisons we have are understaffed severely. They are unable to control inmates at current prisons.
- It is a burden to all taxpayers of Tattnall County!!! It benefits the County in no way!!!!
- We need to get the ones we already have in Tattnall County under control before we take on new ones. We don't have enough EMS service to support another prison.
- Send it elsewhere. We've had enough.
- We can't staff the existing prisons as it is. The State should pay the costs for the training of personnel and the facilitation of State operated EMS services created JUST for servicing the prisons. I believe that's an actual productive way to spend millions of tax payer money.
- Smith needs to be changed to minimum security as first promised
- Only if it was on the land where GA state prison is located No more at smith
- Prisons do not pay property tax. Use county resources for free
- Should have left GSP open Not enough officers to cover. Law is in favor of inmates thereby tying Officers hands. Build in another county.
- Staffing problems and crime related to current prisons. Current prisons are a drain on the counties emergency services.
- I have no objections if the aggregate number of inmates in the county (Rogers + Smith + new facility) doesn't increase and if the site chosen for the new facility is adjacent to one of the others so that additional communities are not impacted and if DOC meets the financial and resource concerns of Tattnall County.

- We don't need another one in tattnall County. May raise the crime rates here as when they are released they are in our community as most of them don't have anywhere to go. It would provide more jobs but I dont think that's worth it
- Not enough officers to control inmates in this county now. Inmates were running GSP back in 2000. Take back control of the prisons. Show the inmates who is in control. Everything possible is hidden.
- There are 159 counties in the state of Georgia. There is no need to put all the prisons in our county. We don't want them here, and we will not support them being here. GO SOMEWHERE ELSE!!!
- Absolutely not. We already have so many jails and prisons, and are constantly dealing with the fallout of that. Invest in schools or in recreation, in our downtowns. Literally anything other than a bigger prison, good lord.
- This is a dangerous addition to our county. It ties up our emergency systems as well as puts our jails at a higher risk of danger (by housing local criminals with seasoned, major criminals who have committed crimes while incarcerated on Tattnall soil). There is a list a mile long why Tattnall DOES NOT need another penal institution!!!!
- The inmate suicide, rapes, murders have spiked causing innocent citizens to be murdered. There has been & is no prison oversight. Wayne Dasher does not get involved unless he or his family friends make money from the situation. A relative of Wayne Dasher has been arrested by the federal gov for selling drugs. Are the drug sales related to the prison? The Smith prison has a permanent need for personnel. I know first hand that some prison guards buy & use drugs while on duty at the prison. Tattnall county has a problem filling the open guard positions at the prisons. We are more of a retirement county than ever before as our youth moves away for better employment. It is a huge safety concern for Tattnall county citizens to add to the prisons when so much needs to be corrected in the established prison system.
- Tattnall County emergency services already are inundated with calls to the existing prisons in the area, leading to potential shortages in service/extended response times for residents . Additionally , correction officer shortages and the cost burden on the county make this proposal untenable at this time.
- The violence that occurs in prisons requires emergency personnel from our county. This decreases availability to respond to county residents of Tattnall county. Please do not allow another prison in our county.
- Don't we see how the prison system is more of a drain on our county than asset.

- Absolutely not. The “employment opportunity” notion is no longer a selling point to the target audience of the 1970’s-80’s. The current (2) prisons are a resource drain on our community while offering no benefit on return. The prisons draw unfavorable people to relocate to this area. The county level resources are already woefully inadequate and simply cannot continue to sustain the burden of carrying the existing prisons. From emergency services to judicial burdens, it is unethical to suggest Tattnall County welcome yet another source of tax less community blight. It is absurd to think that our county should support a larger population of inmates than K-12 students.
- No! Tattnall County doesn't need another prison. It has 3, of which one was closed so abruptly, the other Roger's S.P. & then there's Smith S.P. and its current issues that need to be handled to get this prison under control. It's ludicrous to even ask the tax payers such a question, especially in light of the horrible mess at Smith's. The amount of money we as tax payers pour into these prisons & prisoners year after year is ridiculous. And, furthermore how in the world would you staff it, a prime example is Smith S.P. As a tax payer I know the cost of housing prisoners is awful, but most people in the county has no clue where their tax dollars are goin. Instead of another prison the current issues at Smith's need to be fixed, & use the facilities we already have. It's just a very bad idea
- Let another county shoulder the burden & complications that come with institutions .We have two prisons now in the county & that's too many.
- We do not need another prison draining our small county.Plus we have a circus at Smiths State Prison.
- Absolutely no the prison at Rogers is so unsafe now for staff no one will work there.The prisoners are running the place now.They can unlock every door there and walk freely all over prison. They have quit counting this is a nightmare fixing to happen.
- The prison system has been going down and neglected for years. They don't have enough staff to man the ones they have now even after closing GSP.I'm Stevie Smith worked there for 20 years and it is unbelievable what's going on inside and being covered up from the public. The Commissioner needs to come down and see what's going on with a unannounced visit.
- I cost this county lives and money
- It's cost this county too much already and no one seems to want to work there and I understand why. Please let's not bring another prison into our community.

- The added burden this puts on the tax payers of this county is not worth the limited economic impact. Sort of the state FULLY FUNDING the cost of this ongoing cash drain, there's no reason to accept this! County commissioners need to do everything they can to halt this anchor being put in our county. We are growing WITHOUT putting 3000 inmates here.... The limited upside is just not worth it
- Having the prison has made it the residence costs went up to make up for having smith already. The facilities we have are short staffed as it is nor does tattnal county need so many prisons No i do not want another facility built here not for safety reasons nor costs town people take on
- We don't need more prisons which take away citizens liberties. We need more community outreach. We need socio economic support. We need to build up our community not systemically break it apart. Please do not build a prison.
- GSP couldn't keep staff to keep employees/inmates safe what makes you think this high max prison will be any different. There have already been enough prison breaks before and now you want to put our communities at even higher risk of lives being lost by bringing in some of the worst offenders in the US. Build somewhere in the desert away from everyone and everything.
- Costs are way too high for residents/taxpayers to fund, not enough honest & reliable, qualified staff to secure such a prison. Also the GDC is not transparent with the public about major risks & problems that arise whenever there's an incident. Emergency services, ambulances, hospitals & local law enforcement are unable to provide for current prisons in the county and the public simultaneously during a prison emergency and EMS & Tattnall Cnty deputies don't get proper pay for their services when they respond nor are they trained or equipped for high security inmates. I'm absolutely 100% opposed!!
- concern for the safety of citizens and prison employees. relieve the strain on local resources. relieve the tax burden presently imposed on county residents.
- Tattnall taxpayers have carried the burden of paying court hearings/trials, ems services, health services, etc for too many years and should not be burdened with another prison. I strongly disagree with another prison being built in Tattnall County Georgia!
- Not enough people in this area to fill the jobs. The return verses risk is not balanced. Find an area that has the population to support the needed workforce.
- Our county is poor and cant afford the cost of another prison, ambulance, police, sheriff, helicopters when called because of a disturbance at the prison

- Problems with employment, breaks, resources, poorly managed prison systems in Georgia, finances to support prison, and closeness to residential areas.
- Georgia state prison is a perfectly designed prison to facilitate this county. Not to mention the state currently can't man the prisons that are currently in this county. No need to waste tax payers money. As a former employee of GSP and resident of this county I believe the money could be used else where.
- this is a no vote for me and my wife!
- Absolutely not!! Our taxes are too high already. The prisons NOW can not maintain enough employees at this point and the prisoners are controlling the sites.
- Why would we ever subject ourselves to more misery such as this.
- This is not going to create more jobs for our county. We are already under staffed in the prisons we have what makes one think this will better the county. Along with the unnecessary violence that is brought to Tattnall county this will also cost the taxpayers like myself lots of money that could go to our schools and roads.
- They are already understaffed at the prisons we have now. Why not redo one of the prisons that we don't use? If not redo the prison that we don't use to house inmates the funding for the law enforcement at the sheriff's office and officers at the police department for equipment and the ems for equipment and give the jailers and officers and deputies and emts more money. They don't get paid enough for what they do.
- Prison systems should pay taxes like everyone else.
- Tattnall County has enough prisons
- Tattnall does NOT need a 3rd prison in our county! Just more killings and riots. Danger to our county.
- Only if State reimburses dollar for dollar cost associated with judicial, law enforcement and emergency service provide by county to service prison.
- A new prison should absolutely NOT be built in Tattnall County! The current prisons now operating in Tattnall county, especially Smith State Prison, are an unsustainable burden on the taxpayers already. Furthermore, it is clear that those prisons, especially SSP, are being run by the inmates and not the warden and guards. Bringing a new prison would not benefit the county nor its citizens any measurable way, regardless of whether SSP is closed, and would only exacerbate the problems we have now. It is becoming more and more clear since the murder of Bobby Kicklighter that the violence, corruption, and lawlessness of

a prison cannot be contained within its walls. You cannot pay the guards and employees enough at any current or future prison to keep that from being the reality in a new one. **DO NOT BRING ANOTHER PRISON TO TATTNALL COUNTY AND CLOSE THE ONES WE HAVE!!!**

- Our county officials have proven that they cannot supervise the management of these dangerous facilities. Put these prisons in larger counties!
- The current Prisons are a drain of our resources, our courts and emergency services. The prison cannot find employees for the current facilities. We need No More Prisons In Tattnall county.
- I worked and retired from the state . Use to be a good job but for years it's got worse and worse. They could take every officer at both prisons, put them together and still couldn't man all posts at one of them at full capacity . The big wigs up top care about one thing and that's their 6 figure salaries not poor little Tattnall County or the officers and staff.
- They can't see about the prisons we already have
- We already have two.
- Georgia has 34 prisons and 159 counties. 3 prisons are way to many for one county. 3 prisons create a dangerous community.
- We do not need 3000 more violent criminals in our county. We do not have sufficient correctional officers to police this many inmates. It is also a drag on our emergency systems.
- Adequate staffing for Tattnall prisons has been an ongoing problem for years. Since my family lives close to Rogers and GSP and have for over 35 years, I can honestly say it is time for a new prison to be built elsewhere in an area closer to larger metropolitan areas/cities so that adequate staffing is available and these other areas can foot the emergency response system so often draining our rural area.
- We already have 3 prisons in Tattnall County. 2 are open and operating and costing the citizens of our county lots and lots of tax dollars as well as occupying our ambulance and emergency services personnel and vehicles making them unavailable to the general public at times. Please **NO MORE PRISONS**. It has coursed crime increase in our county and so many court cases that will never catch up in court system.
- We already have issues with the prison we have. I would hate to see our county add another one. Some specific concerns include: \*Ambulances being called to prison due to fights\injuries and unable to respond to needs of local citizens.

\*Burden on fire and emt people \*Threat to citizens when prisoners escape, which has happened numerous times in my few years living here.

- Can't handle the ones we got now.
- Makes my taxes higher
- First I want to say that I am so grateful for the three prisons we now have in Tattnall County. I know GSP has been closed, but four out of my family worked and retired at GSP or Rogers SP. I will forever be grateful for my job and how it provided for me and my family during some difficult times for me. With this being said, I would like to add why I think this vision of a new 3,000 bed facility should never see the light of day! We have three prisons, and although the decision was made to close GSP, I think this was a bad decision. I worked during the time the feds took over GSP in 1980. I sat at the table some 20+ years later with our lawyers and presented information on why we should be released from the court order known as Guthrie V Evans. Most think of GSP as being built in the 1930's, which it was, but they don't mention the millions of dollars that was put into GSP in the 1980's to make it the best in this state. We had a state of the art medical facility, built a new maxi-max unit and single celled most of the dorms. This prison is as solid as you will ever get. I know there are problems with locking systems and a few other issues, but these issues could be corrected easily, and wouldn't cost the state much to do the needed corrections. Rogers State Prison was built out of this court order. It was opened in the 1990's. I am sure some improvements may be needed, but these improvements can be done. Smith State Prison has had some bad incidents to occur, a lot due to a warden that was not prepared to be a warden. A lot of the inmates from GSP were sent to Smith SP, and they were not prepared to handle them like GSP did. In closing, the two prisons now open, can't find enough officers to staff them, GSP also did not have enough officers when it was closed. In my opinion, a way much less amount could be spent on the three existing prisons to being them up to date, and no new facility needs to be built. Another issues is staffing and the salary paid to our officers. They have received some raises , but they pale i n comparison to what officers make that work for the city or the sheriff's department or the State Patrol. We can get good officers back to these prisons, if we increase their pay and offer a better form of retirement. I was one of the lucky ones that was hired in 1976 under what we referred to as "the old system". When I, my brother and my daddy retired we received 90% of our gross salary. When my sister retired she received 60% of her gross salary. Now officers pay

into a 401K plan. The Department needs to go back to at least some % of their gross salary at the time of retirement, which is presently 30 years, but when I retired it was 34 years. We have no need for a new 3,000 bed facility! I don't want to see this come to Tattnall County. I want to see the DOC repair what we have and provide the officers with better pay and better benefits. If this is done, you won't have a problem staffing all three facilities again. You wouldn't need 100's of millions of dollars to do this. Honestly, I can't see this ever happening, the building of the new prison I am referring to. It would be wasted money, and we would have 3 empty prisons, which would be so unnecessary. Just fix what needs to be fixed and open GSP back up. To me it is the most secure prison in the state.

- Reidsville, Claxton, and Glennville is more than enough in our area!
- Cost tax payers for increased taxes to handle cases for the prison system.
- Corruption, violent criminals in our county, strain on our courts system, emergency services and law enforcement, financial strain and lack of reimbursement from the state and federal governments.
- The tax payers cannot continue to pay for the burdens of the current prisons. The benefits of these prisons in Tattnall county are minimal at best for the community. They have become dangerous to its citizens and even more costly to the county tax payer. I'd be even more in favor of closing them all!
- The current prison facilities already occupy Tattnall County emergency services potentially hindering response to Tattnall County's citizens.
- Can't get enough staff for the prisons we have. Former worker.
- Cost to much tax dollars. When they are released they stay.
- When they get out they stay. Brings other criminals here to visit.
- Due to the high expenses of the cost to effectively run the prisons and the lack of revenue it generates; I do not support the proposed construction of the new prison.
- The Georgia State Prison which is now closed is still a maximum facility for housing inmates. The only problem that it has are the outdated locks on the cell block doors. According to engineers who have submitted and voiced this issue it can be resolved with new locking systems. This is a lot cheaper than a 600 million dollar new prison. Why not use this unjustly amount of money and pay the correctional staff a better salary and benefits. Maybe the state needs to get some common sense personnel to run the Department of Corrections.
- They can't take care of the ones that they have now

- 1. Safety of Prison Staff and local citizens. 2. Tax Burden on Tattnall County citizens. 3. The local EMS Services are sometimes at the prisons when our local citizens are in need of ambulances.
- We absolutely do NOT need another prison built in Tattnall County.
- We need to better utilize what we currently have. Make any needed improvements to the existing buildings- don't abandon them and then build another one.
- Are they going to tax free pay no taxes not fair to the citizens of the county they get everything handed to them on a silver platter and all the citizens get is higher taxes
- Smith state prison and the problems it has brought to our community should be reason enough not to being another prison to Glennville.
- Smith State prison costs tax payers astronomical amounts of money each year with the medical transports via ambulance and flights. When several ambulances have to respond to a prison facility and can leave the community with no medical transport very limited, this is a problem. The prison already cannot keep enough staff. Another facility would only add to costs and also make Tattnall County a place where people would not want to live. The effects could be pricey for residents.
- NO I DO NOT!! I live within 1 mile of Rogers State Prison. There aren't enough employees to take care of this small facility. I do not feel safe in this area anymore. The houses and buildings owned by the Department of Corrections is a disgrace. Everything they own is falling down. I don't know anyone in my area or Tattnall County that is in favor of this new prison.
- We do not have the workforce to man our existing prison. No way we can man a new one!! The issues that are going on now need to be addressed and seen about first and foremost!!! We don't need to add to it. When an ambulance is called to the prison, it is not available for our community members. When it's a riot that takes several (like the one two weeks ago at Smith), there are NO ambulances available for taxpayers. The state reimburses for less than we pay as taxpayers. About 50% of the cases brought to be heard in our courthouse are due to crimes taking place within the current prisons. That is taxpayer money being taken and used for criminals who do not (and never have) contributed to our tax base.
- Too many problems, shortage of ambulances, safety concerns to public & shortage of prison staff
- We can't even get enough help with what we got.

- We are a small town and there are not enough people to run this prison. Have you looked at what is going on at Smith state prison?
- DOC can't control contraband, riots, murder for hire, or wardens. There is no reason or need to build ANOTHER prison in this county!
- 2 prisons already in our county is too much. It is a burden on our local resources and tax paying citizens
- As a healthcare worker in our local ER, I see what a burden the prison system is to our local EMS units almost daily. The current prisons are nowhere near staffed appropriately which is very unsafe for the current inmates, as well as the guards and staff. This "mega prison" would not benefit this county in any way. It would definitely put more of a strain on the already busy EMS service and the county tax payers.
- The prisons are a liability for the county taxpayers. The shortage of experienced correction officers and recent escapes cause a concern of safety for the local residents. DOC has land in Toombs county build it there.
- They can't even keep the one in Glennville running smooth. There is always so much corruption, wardens included. Plus they can't ever keep enough staff to run the place safely. Constantly having to fly or transport inmates out for stabbings. Maybe work on fixing one before trying to add on another! It makes no sense to open up another prison, cops can barely keep up with contraband drops as it is.
- Tattnell County taxpayers have more than paid their fare share of money for the state of Georgia to house these criminals. We cannot afford to continue paying taxes for nothing in return. We have seen the dangers that these criminals cause and it's not fair for the state of Georgia to not reimburse tax payers. I vote no!!
- Costing county too much money!
- These prisons are costing the taxpayers too much money and posing a threat to our safety.
- We have too many prisons in Tattnell County now without enough support from Dept. of Corrections. the contraband cases alone put an unnecessary burden on our court system.
- How many ways can NO be said. GDC can't run the what our county has now. This has got to be a joke?!
- The strain it creates on our emergency services, county judicial system, safety of citizens from gangs being run by inmates, influx of illegal contraband being

funneled through our communities and the people that it draws to our communities.

- Nope. Nada. Never.
- You must not be serious.
- Are you insane?
- As a taxpayer, we cannot afford another prison in this county. The current prisons Ties up too many other services that the citizens and residents of this county badly need. Why would anyone want to build another prison when they don't have enough personnel to work at the two prison system currently operating in Tattnall County. The Georgia Department of corrections has failed in its core function To provide protection for the citizens in this county, the murder of Mr. Bobby Kicklighter is proof of that!
- Our County can't afford to support another prison!!
- They can barely maintain the one they have now. It's all about getting one more dollar to the county. I can assure you we will be completely fine with one less dollar from our corrupt prison systems. If the government actually prosecuted criminals it would be a different story, but being they care more about identifying the stupid "correct pronouns" than prosecuting them for what crime they've done, tattnall county is better than this. I can assure you our citizens would like to be known for more than the "deadliest prisons in the state."
- Close the two Tattnall county prisons and get them off the tax payers back.
- close the exiting prison
- The existing prisons in Tattnall county should be closed.
- The prisons now are severely understaffed and consuming our resources leaving the citizens of Tattnall County without and pay the bill. If GDC wants to build a 4th prison then they need to start paying Tattnall County for more LEO and EMS positions and equipment to off set the call volume.
- Absolutely NOT. Tattnall already has THREE penitentiaries of various levels and securities. Factors to consider, but not limited to... average median income, ethical makeup of the community, crime ratio (levels of offense and first offender/habitual violators), etc etc. NOT TO MENTION the unnecessary loss of life of an elderly man and long-standing member of a small rural community, back in 2022. Given how small Tattnall is, an innate was able to orchestrate a murder by using civilians to carry out the deed. The plan went awry when those individuals broke into the wrong home and shot the defenseless male during sleep. My mother worked in corrections until her retirement. She retired from a

local prison as a Deputy Warden. While I support and understand the need for prison systems, adding a 4th to an extremely small and mostly impoverished county smells of nothing more than a ruse... a gain of unknown magnitude that will not be shared to the general public!! HARD AND FIRM NO.

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- No more taxes to support inmates, do better at Smiths first
- Tattnall county does not need another prison. We have to many already. It is in no way beneficial to our community.
- As much as the inmates use our county courts with their frivolous suits that cost the tax payers of Tattnall county, absolutely not.
- There's enough issues now!! We see how out of hand things are now, and how understaffed the prison system is. Tattnall county is over run with understaffed, under evaluated, prison systems. The staffing they do have is often criminal themselves. Enough is enough.
- We don't to support another prison in our county. Can't keep enough personnel to staff the ones we have.
- We cannot man the prisons we have in the county. A new one will not be staffed properly
- Not a good investment for our community. Cost the Tattnall county tax payers more money!
- Tattnall county tax payers are paying too much NOW! Existing prison is out of control and can't be Managed.
- Not enough staff to run current prisons why do we need another?
- We have a prison now and we can't keep it staffed properly. And now all the ambulances are used for prisoners and we have to be put on back burner. And it is to my understanding Tattnall County is losing money hand over fist with this Smith prison.
- I don't trust them to run the new one any better.
- We don't have enough employees now at Smith State and I'm sick of our ambulances and LifeStar being called all the time!
- The prisons we have now are too much of a burden on our county: it has overloaded our court system and our emergency response (ambulance). We simply don't need any more prisons in our county we are suffering enough now.
- Currently, we do not have the workforce to man our existing prisons. When an ambulance is called to the prison, it is not available for our community members.