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To the Chairman
Of the Board of
Supervisors of Chautauqua Co.

Dear Sir:-

From my own inspection of the Jail at *Mayville*
and from information furnished by our Cooperative Committee in your
County, I know it to be in bad condition. It is not a suitable
place in which to keep human beings locked up. Its sanitary con-
ditions are very bad. It is not safe, and the supervisors cannot
fulfill their duty to their constituents, unless they provide
for the safe keeping and welfare of the prisoners confided to their
care. I am sure you wish to do this.

Chautauqua County has never been wanting in a right
public feeling regarding its responsibilities; especially in the
care of its wards. I do not think it will be so in this case, and
I know that I do not appeal to you in vain to bring the necessity
of a new jail, earnestly before your Board of Supervisors.

It is the duty of the Prison Association of New York to
protest against the further occupation of the Jail until
improvements are made. This protest is made, however, in the spirit
of a reminder. We shall be very glad indeed to give you all the

assistance in our power in the matter of Jail architecture, or
in creating a public sentiment that will sustain you in your
efforts to improve this important County Building.

I am my dear sir, in behalf of the Prison Association,

Very sincerely yours,