



WHY DOES GOOD TIME MAKE GOOD SENSE?

TALKING POINTS TO PREPARE YOU FOR DISCUSSING "GOOD TIME"

WHAT IS 'GOOD TIME'?

- PROVIDES A SYSTEM OF CREDITS TO BE EARNED BY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS WHO DEMONSTRATE BEHAVIORAL CHANGE IN MEASURABLE WAYS
- ENCOURAGES COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNING POLICIES AND PARTICIPATION IN AVAILABLE PROGRAMS TO REDUCE ONE'S SENTENCE AT A PRESCRIBED RATE.
- INCENTIVIZES REHABILITATION FOR THOSE WHO MAKE AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE THEMSELVES AND REENTER SOCIETY AS A TRANSFORMED PERSON

DID YOU KNOW?

MICHIGAN IS 1 OF 6 STATES IN THE COUNTRY WITHOUT A GOOD TIME POLICY FOR OUR INCARCERATED PRISON CITIZENS

(prisonfellowship.org)

MICHIGAN IS #1 IN THE COUNTRY FOR LENGTH OF TIME SERVED

(urban.org)

DESPITE HAVING THE LONGEST PRISON SENTENCES, MICHIGAN IS STILL #2 IN THE COUNTRY FOR THE NUMBER OF REPORTED RAPES

(ucr.fbi.gov)

MICHIGAN IS #1 IN THE COUNTRY FOR THE PERCENTAGE OF OUR STATE BUDGET SPENT ON CORRECTIONS

(3.9% VS. NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 2.5%)

(nasbo.org)

OTHER FAQs

IS THIS A LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE EFFORT?

This is a bi-partisan effort that is supported by both sides of the aisle.

DOES THIS APPLY TO ALL WHO ARE INCARCERATED?

It applies equally to anyone who has a release date. We are working hard to allow those who have demonstrated their rehabilitation by their behavior and have shown that they are safe to return to society.

WILL THIS MAKE THE WORLD A MORE DANGEROUS PLACE?

Good Time policies have been demonstrated to increase public safety by lowering recidivism rates among those who earn good time.

WHAT ABOUT THE VICTIMS?

8 of out 10 victims support reducing prison sentences for people in prison who participate in rehabilitation, mental health, substance abuse, or educational or vocational programs.

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME?

Introducing a 'Good Time' law benefits all Michigan residents. It saves tax-payer money, provides incentive, and rehabilitation to those incarcerated, reunites families, and reduces the likelihood of repeated offences, promoting a safer society.

IS MICHIGAN THE ONLY STATE THAT REQUIRES INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE A MINIMUM SENTENCE?

Yes, Michigan is the ONLY STATE IN AMERICA that requires people to serve their entire minimum sentence.

