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Hello Everyone,

We hope this note finds you well and healthy despite COVID and the situation within MDOC. We're writing for several reasons as it has been a while since our last JPay. Thank you for being patient and thank you again for your support. We continue to be overwhelmed with the generosity which has flowed and is evidenced through the many PBF donations we have received. This is one of the first reasons we write, to share with you the history of PBF donations that you all have made possible. The money helps us continue to advocate for Good Time and that is the second topic we wish to update you about. Finally, we are publishing more information about your lawmakers at the end of this JPay. Specifically we want you to know the Michigan House of Representatives members that are responsible for the districts in which your facilities are located. We think it is important for you to know who your representatives are so you can contact them and let them know what you're thinking.

So first, let's recognize you by facility and send a big thank you for the PBF donations we've received going back to the beginning. These donations are not just about the money, they show us that you believe and trust us to represent you in Lansing. It is because you have advocated for us in your PBF committees and to your warden, administration and staff that these donations have become a reality.

You are making a difference and here's what that looks like:

Michigan Reformatory	(\$500, 2/26/2021)
Lakeland Correctional Facility	(\$5,000, 4/8/2021)
Kinross Correctional Facility	(\$500, 5/11/2021)
Thumb Correctional Facility	(\$500, 6/24/2021)
St. Louis Correctional Facility	(\$5,000, 11/19/2021)
Chippewa Correctional Facility	(\$500, 1/18/2022)
Carson City Correctional Facility	(\$2,500, 1/19/2022)
Muskegon Correctional Facility	(\$1,000, 1/25/2022)

Total: \$15,500

This means a lot to us at Michigan Justice Advocacy. We wish to be completely transparent so we are sharing our joy over these donations with you as a means to say, "Thank You!" (btw, if you do not see your facility listed as having donated, please be aware we have been communicating with several facilities who tell us they are having trouble with the Sigma system. Other facilities have managed to overcome these obstacles as can be seen from this list. Let your PBF coordinator know about those facilities who have been successful and perhaps that will help them resolve the issues from their side. We will continue to work on getting the Sigma system corrected to the best of our ability from our side as well)

And another quick figure for you, we now have over 600 names on our MJA JPay account and that number just keeps growing!! Again, thank you for your interest in and the support of the work we are doing. Now to share with you our latest efforts in Lansing ...

Because the process of getting a bill to become law is very much about the will of the public, one important component of getting our lawmakers to listen is to get the public more involved. And that starts with knowledge and information. As the public becomes more aware of the fact that there is no Good Time policy operating in Michigan prisons, they can take an active part in creating change. They can contact their lawmakers and let their voices be heard. We just led a group of volunteers to Lansing to speak with members of the House of Representatives last week (Feb. 1) and plan to go again this week (Feb. 8). We are educating those volunteers who have raised their hands and want to get involved. And we are putting those individuals in touch with the people who create laws to ask those lawmakers to change the law. The public participation in this process is very important.

So to the point. In order to raise more awareness over this issue it is our goal in the next few months to see a version of SB649 introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives. We want this conversation about Good Time to spill over into the House. Of course, it will receive a House Bill number (HB4xxx) but we do not know what that number will be until it is assigned. I can gladly tell you we have already identified several members of the house who will support the introduction of this bill. We are continuing to find more members who will put their name on the bill so it can be introduced with support from both parties. This is our goal and purpose for visiting Lansing as of late.

Please review the list of House members at the end of this JPay and reach out to contact them. Let them know you

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want to see a version of SB649 introduced in the House of Representatives soon. Please encourage your loved ones to contact their Michigan House of Representatives member from the district where they live and ask for support for a Good Time bill to be introduced in the house. You may call using the number provided in this list, or write your member of the House of Representatives at:

Representative's Name  
 House of Representatives  
 PO Box 30014  
 Lansing, MI 48909-7514

List of Senators and members of the MI House of Representatives by Facility

Alger (LMF)	Sen. Ed McBroom (517) 373-7840	Rep. Sara Cambensy (517) 373-0498
Baraga (AMF)	Sen. Ed McBroom (517) 373-7840	Rep. Greg Markkanen (517) 373-0850
Bellamy Creek (IBC)	Sen. John Bizon (517) 373-2426	Rep. Thomas Albert (517) 373-0846
Carson City (DRF/OTF)	Sen. Rick Outman (517) 373-3760	Rep. Pat Oatman (517) 373-0834
Central Michigan (STF)	Sen. Rick Outman (517) 373-3760	Rep. Pat Oatman (517) 373-0834
Charles E. Egeler (RGC)	Sen. Mike Shirkey (517) 373-5932	Rep. Sarah Lightner (517) 373-1775
Chippewa (URF)	Sen. Wayne Schmidt (517) 373-2413	Rep. John Damoose (517) 373-2629
Cooper St. (JCS)	Sen. Mike Shirkey (517) 373-5932	Rep. Sarah Lightner (517) 373-1775
Earnest C. Brooks (LRF)	Sen. Jon Bumstead (517) 373-1635	Rep. Terry Sabo (517) 373-2646
G. Robert Cotton (JCF)	Sen. Mike Shirkey (517) 373-5932	Rep. Sarah Lightner (517) 373-1775
Gus Harrison (ARF)	Sen. Zale Dorn (517) 373-3543	Rep. Bronna Kahle (517) 373-1706
Ionia (ICF)	Sen. John Bizon (517) 373-2426	Rep. Thomas Albert (517) 373-0846
Kinross (KCF)	Sen. Wayne Schmidt (517) 373-2413	Rep. John Damoose (517) 373-2629
Lakeland (LCF)	Sen. Mike Shirkey (517) 373-5932	Rep. Andrew Fink (517) 373-1794
Macomb (MRF)	Sen. Doug Wozniak (517) 373-7670	Rep. Jef Yaroch (517) 373-0820
Marquette (MBP)	Sen. Ed McBroom (517) 373-7840	Rep. Sara Cambensy (517) 373-0498
Mich. Reformatory (RMI)	Sen. John Bizon (517) 373-2426	Rep. Thomas Albert (517) 373-0846
Muskegon (MCF)	Sen. Jon Bumstead (517) 373-1635	Rep. Terry Sabo (517) 373-2646
Newberry (NCF)	Sen. Wayne Schmidt (517) 373-2413	Rep. Sara Cambensy (517) 373-0498
Oaks (ECF)	Sen. Curt VanderWall (517) 373-1725	Rep. Jack O'Malley (517) 373-0825
Parnall (SMT)	Sen. Mike Shirkey (517) 373-5932	Rep. Sarah Lightner (517) 373-1775
Richard A. Handlon (MTU)	Sen. John Bizon (517) 373-2426	Rep. Thomas Albert (517) 373-0846
Saginaw (SRF)	Sen. Ken Horn (517) 373-1760	Rep. Rodney Wakeman (517) 373-0837
St. Louis (SLF)	Sen. Rick Outman (517) 373-3760	Rep. Pat Oatman (517) 373-0834
Thumb (TCF)	Sen. Kevin Daley (517) 373-1777	Rep. Gary Howell (517) 373-1800
Women's Huron Valley (WHV)	Sen. Jeff Irwin (517) 373-2406	Rep. Felicia Brabec (517) 373-1792
Woodland (WCC)	Sen. Lana Theis (517) 373-2420	Rep. Ann Bollin (517) 373-1784

In closing, we are going to keep pushing for this policy to become law in Michigan. The legislative session ends in December of this year (2022) and so our bill (SB649) is technically still alive. It is not getting any attention because the lawmakers feel this is an unpopular policy.

We ask you to let your lawmakers know that is not the case. Continue to spread the word that the policy of "Good Time Makes Good Sense" because Michigan is the only state in the entire country which requires a person serves 100% of their minimum sentence in a secure facility. We lead the country for length of time served in prison and it costs over \$2B every year to continue this failed policy. Let your lawmakers know that Good Time is a solution to the overcrowding and staffing shortage MDOC faces. Remind them that people age out of crime and there is little value to public safety by keeping people in prison decades after they've committed a crime.

We know people change and we hear from many of you how your way of thinking has changed over the years and decades since you entered MDOC custody. We at MJA will continue to tell your stories in Lansing and press for a better way to handle the unsustainable situation in our Michigan prisons. Thank you for trusting us to be your voice.

Sincerely,  
 Jack Wagner, President, Michigan Justice Advocacy ([www.mijjustice.org](http://www.mijjustice.org))  
 Prov. 29:7a "The righteous care about justice for the poor"

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