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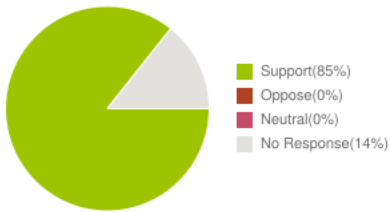
eComments Report

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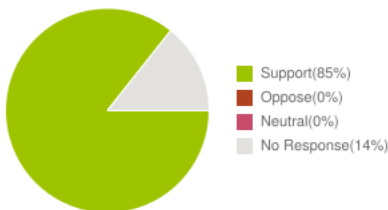
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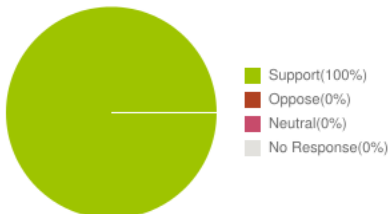
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dr. a. deLessio-parson

Location:

Submitted At: 1:26pm 09-09-21

As a Penn State-trained demographer and sociologist, I ask you to vote yes because (1) Incarceration stresses social and family relationships, negatively impacting the mental health of both people who are locked up and the

people who directly love and support them. Providing more time for voice/video calls therefore decreases the sum total of human suffering. And, (2) Social isolation exacerbates process of marginalization. The more isolated people are while locked up, the more marginalized they become (i.e. this leads to 'higher rates of recidivism' and 'more crime'). Providing more time for voice/video calls therefore reduces future economic costs to society.

Natalia Espina

Location:

Submitted At: 11:08am 09-09-21

I would like to state my support for this resolution. Individuals who are housed in Milwaukee County's correctional facilities and prisons across the country are often the sole monetary earners for their families and dependents, often children. The fact that we require families who are already struggling financially to pay to speak or see their loved ones via video is unconscionable. People on the inside are already suffering by isolation and lack of human connection. In order to be maintain as much mental wellness as possible, the ability to make extended phone and video calls is critical to human health. Additionally, we should not allow for corporate telecommunication industries and vendors to be turning a profit at the expense of the working poor. Furthermore, this resolution would allow for a preventative approach to care as people on the inside who are able to maintain connection to their families and loved ones are less likely to return to jail and less likely to commit future crimes. We have a moral obligation to decrease barriers to connection to loved ones. Thank you for your consideration. Natalia Espina - N Bremen St. Milwaukee, WI 53212 - District 13 - Attn: Supervisor Johnson.

Emily Munoz

Location:

Submitted At: 10:42am 09-09-21

I'm writing in support of this resolution. It's my understanding that in-person visitation has been suspended, even prior to the pandemic, and families and friends of incarcerated people are forced to pay to see and speak to their loved one. This places a huge financial and emotional burden on people who are incarcerated, as well as their families and friends. Incarcerating people and separating them from their community and support system is already extremely harmful. But to make them pay money, that they can't earn in these facilities, to hear the voice of their children or see the faces of their friends is unspeakably cruel.

HOC recently started referring to people in these facilities as "people in their care"... So I urge you to actually care for them and their emotional well-being. Stop allowing companies to generate profit at the expense of incarcerated people. Reduce the harm that is being done to them by being held there and vote in favor of this resolution. Thank you.

Anon Anon

Location:

Submitted At: 4:54am 09-09-21

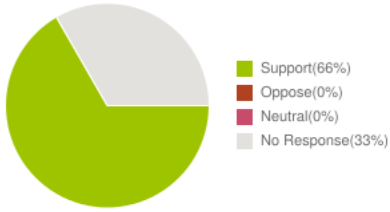
Milwaukee has a serious racial disparity problem. This city and state being at the top of national lists of bad places for Black kids to grow up, for extreme economic inequality, and for racially targeted mass incarceration should be THE overriding concern for every politician in the state of Wisconsin.

The county jail, MCSO, and HOC are major contributors to these problems. They, and the cops and sheriffs who fill and staff them systematically tear apart working class families of color. They do great harm to everyone they touch. This resolution will reduce some of that harm. Free phone and video visit time helps maintain connection with family and friends, it helps keep parents involved in their children's lives.

Maintaining these kinds of connections has been proven to be the best way to reduce recidivism. So, this resolution, in addition to being the right thing to do, is also long term, more cost effective than reincarcerating people who've been broken off from their social connections and kinship networks.

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Overall Sentiment



Emily Munoz

Location:

Submitted At: 1:31pm 09-09-21

I'm writing in support of this resolution as well. Again, the prices incarcerated people are charged for basic goods and hygiene items are excessive and we must stop allowing companies like Aramark to profit from incarceration.

dr. a. deLessio-parson

Location:

Submitted At: 1:27pm 09-09-21

As a Penn State-trained demographer and sociologist, specialized in food justice, I ask you to vote yes because: People need some autonomy - and choices - over the food they are putting into their bodies to be empowered and in charge of their own health. This should not be linked to how much money they have. The entire system of food needs to be transformed, and while you cannot do that here, you can take this small and important step towards change by supporting the passage of this resolution.

Anon Anon

Location:

Submitted At: 4:58am 09-09-21

High cost of commissary items in the jail and HOC is a form of super-exploitation and economic violence. Considering the grossly racially targeted policing practices in Milwaukee, bilking captives on commissary is nothing less than a form of white supremacist extortion. This resolution will help to end that horrible system.

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