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Please pass this bill. Jails definitely need more oversight. I have several family members who have been incarcerated and been treated horribly.



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I believe it is in the best interest of everyone involved, incarcerated and not, to have this oversight committee approved. There have been too many issues swept under the rug on both sides to even count. The issues need a nonbiased person or organization to oversee the things going on. How can a business be in charge of judging the right and wrongs of their own? That in itself sounds like a set up. It sounds like a sure way to never have to be held accountable for things to be done correctly. Please allow this committee approval. If there is nothing to hide, then there should be no reason to mind someone looking in, right?



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I am a wife of an incarcerated individual. I know that he has worked hard to become a better man. I believe people are not the mistakes (or bad choices) they have made. I believe everyone has redeeming features and that this bill will allow those who are working hard to get home to show that they are working hard to get home. I believe things to look forward to and strive for will bring better behavior to the DOC because they have something within their control. I pray this bill passes and allows the chance for these men and women to make it home to their loved ones missing them. I truly believe this bill will benefit us all. Please support this bill.



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I was visiting ERDCC this past weekend and one of the guards that was checking us in for a visit stated "they don't even deserve this". She was insinuating about the inmates Don't deserve to have visits. My fiance passed away February 1st, 2022 at JCCC. I got a call from another inmate's wife before I even got a call from the warrant to tell me that my fiance had passed away. The warden informed me that they had seen my fiance at 6:40 a.m. and he was fine. But at 7:06 he was unresponsive. And that he didn't make it. I questioned the warden about this because they do count at 6:00 a.m. and why were they checking on him at 6:40 a.m. she said they were doing a security check but security checks are done when they do count. Since he's passed away I have talked to his celly and this is not what happened at all. It's sad that they don't do count like you're supposed to because I do not have enough staff because if they would have checked on him he would still be alive today



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I am in complete support of this. As a wife of an inmate at JCCC it is a constant battle to get any type of communication from Wardens etc regarding any issues we may be having on visits as well as our LO may be having on the inside. Most of the time we never get any communication back. If we go above their heads to Central office our loved ones are told to stop having family members go to Central office or there could be consequences. These are threats. I feel like if I'm not able to speak for my husband there needs to be someone who can. Important issues are being brushed under the table. For example inmates not getting their chronic care meds in a timely manner, visitors being harassed and targeted by certain visiting room staff, housing unit managers not fulfilling their job responsibilities. Yet when you try to speak with a Warden regarding these matters you get nothing but defense mechanisms to support their staff. One CO in particular going on the yard discussing other inmates visitors by name to other offenders. Warden was contacted we asked for a call back, offenders even confirmed this and yet nothing was done. It's past time we have someone represent offenders and families in these situations and demand action force DOC staff to do their jobs and for these offenders to be heard and treated as humans.



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I stand behind and authorize this bill			



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I was incarcerated in another state for several years as a teenager and young adult. I later went to college and law school and have been a prosecuting attorney as well as a defense lawyer. Any large bureaucracy needs outside oversight to help guide the organization and make sure it does not get tunnel vision. Law enforcement and corrections have at times been accused of maintaining a "good old boys club" atmosphere. A diverse and effective oversight committee is necessary to maintain the standards and credibility the citizens of Missouri deserve from their agencies. And, the credibility of the oversight committee will depend on who is on it. Creating a fair and impartial oversight committee with a diverse group of members can only benefit the Department of Corrections by ensuring they maintain the highest standards of professionalism. That in turn benefits the citizens of Missouri. I strongly urge the members to provide at least one seat on the committee to a formerly incarcerated person who has lived experience they can bring to the table. Not doing so will hurt the credibility of the Committee. And there are so many individuals now who have the lived experience and education that together would allow them to be a true asset to the Committee.



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I have a loved one who is currently incarcerated in MODOC. Last week he was sprayed while sitting on the ground, cuffed. He was not being aggressive nor the aggressor. He asked for CIT and they refused him. They all lied on IOCs. There needs to be someone policing these things. I worked in doc. I saw the evil. There needs to be oversight! When I was employed there a boy hung himself, the footage "disappeared" when it was found the officers did not make rounds in the wing for over two hours.



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As a citizen and voter, my concerns for good bills being passed in support of our States needs being met is imperative. Kimberly Collins is sponsoring this bill 1922 which would not only help the system with needs being met, but the inmates that have served an adequate amount of time, along with their families. Good behavior should be supported and encouraged.



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I am writing to express my support for HB1922, to be discussed on 4/12/22. It is imperative for the safety and wellbeing of the individuals in state custody and the staff working within state facilities to provide independent governmental oversight to ensure a more humane environment for all involved. Not only is every person deserving of being afforded protection to their basic human rights regardless of criminal history, but ensuring the safety and security of individuals who are incarcerated will lead to better outcomes. It is commonly understood in psychology that basic needs (adequate food, safety, shelter, etc.) must be met before a person can work towards improvement in higher level needs (socialization, care for others, self-esteem, personal growth). If we ensure this bare minimum is met, this will allow for a better chance at rehabilitating problem behaviors and, in the long term, decreasing recidivism. As a graduate student in the allied health professions, I have worked closely with individuals who have experienced mental health concerns, trauma, and substance abuse, which are all quite prevalent within DOC populations. Lack of secure housing and feelings of safety can often trigger these co-occurring issues, which may lead to relapses in harmful behaviors. Oversight measures will also prove beneficial to the staff of state facilities. If incarcerated individuals feel safe, secure, and are treated with respect and humanity, there will likely be a decrease in conflict and crises between them and staff. This could also contribute to lessening burnout for staff. Preventative oversight measures conducted on a regular basis such as with the proposed committee will lessen the need for more expensive and time consuming judicial reviews of DOC operations, making the oversight committee a more financially prudent option in the long run. It is important to be transparent in any venture that is funded by taxpayer dollars, and the oversight committee will be able to investigate and provide reports on conditions within these publicly funded DOC facilities, providing accountability. Oversight measures will also ensure that MO DOC is operating in line with all current state and federal regulations. I do want to point out one caveat to my support of HB1922 and suggestions for true objective and transparent oversight. The most success in oversight of correctional facilities has been found to be from independent third party or governmental bodies. The recommendation of including 2 representatives from the House and 2 senators does well in creating a fair, bipartisan body within the committee. Including members of the community who have expertise in the area of the criminal legal system, as well as an individual who was in DOC custody at one point also provides a more well-rounded perspective on DOC matters. However, the oversight committee cannot be truly independent and transparent if a DOC director or representative is on board. This is a conflict of interest and their partiality can cloud any future investigations. It would be appropriate to consult with them and report back on matters regarding investigations, but since they have a vested interest in any investigation and since those incarcerated can make complaints against the DOC, it does not seem equitable to include a DOC rep in the committee. Thank you for considering my testimony as you deliberate on

HB1922.



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This bill needs to pass because, voices need to be heard , staff members are not being held accountable for their actions , with this bill being in place , it could possibly lead to a road of rehabilitation which is what DOC is suppose to stand for. This bill can help so many individuals, not only the inmates but the staff too . People are scared to become cos because of the reputation they have, meaWhile doc is under staffed with this position in place it could give the staff and inmates the security that they are looking for ! Please pass this bill this is the only voice to speak up for our love ones



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It is time that Missouri steps up and protects all individuals as it is supposed to. As a wife to an inmate, a medical professional, and a Missouri citizen I have witnessed many unjust and unsettling things within the Department of Corrections. These are human beings that are being treated as though they are not. This bill will allow an oversight of those that believe they are above the law. If we continue to allow this type of behavior within the walls of a facility that is governed by the State of Missouri then how can you expect change within the community as they are released? Change comes from within, and this is the beginning of a new start for the rehabilitation in Missouri. This is a way to filter out and remove those that promote cruel punishment, neglect, and torture to those that are in a situation that have no protection at this point. This bill provides medical oversight that is long overdue. As a Medical Provider I have witnessed the neglect of offenders that occur within the walls of the Department of Corrections. I have witnessed the the cruelty that is placed upon them and left with no consequences. It's time that a change is made. We are not judge nor the jury and a human life should be treated as such. One thing we all must remember is there is only one judge and that is not mankind.



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I have a few issues with doc they definitely need to do a better job with there irr and appeal they do not do there job correctly needs to improve a lot they should also help inmates with drug addiction instead of punishing them when an inmate ask for treatment and help they often refuse how are they going to address this problem if they keep refusing to help them with there addiction they wouldn't be asking for help if they didn't want it this so wrong I definitely think treatment should be given to any inmate that ask for it , mental health issues needs more attention as well repeatedly putting inmates in ag seg for long periods of time isn't working ,they need more education program more job skills prison is supposed to rehabilitation but I don't see any of that happening in Missouri prison s definitely needs lots of changes praying for change



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I have a friend in the prison system that has been retaliated against for making grievances about his treatment at the Missouri Eastern Correctional Facility. First he was falsely accused of stealing and had his personal items he purchased taken from. When he proved that he in fact did not steal a thing and won his violation case(cameras proved the allegations were false) his items were never returned. He has also made more grievances about his treatment at the facility just days ago and in retaliation they again stormed his cell and confiscated his purchased personal items. When asked why his things were confiscated they stated that because his name isn't on the items they weren't his. He has paperwork proving he purchased the items, even items purchased last week, and stated they never put his name on them. In response they stated " well you should've put your name on it". He and I both believe this is in retaliation to grievances his has made just days ago about how he is being treated. Just last week his entire unit had to go a week without hot water and when asked to go to the other unit with hot water just to shower they were denied. It wasn't until I reached out to the facility about my concerns did they fix the hot water issue. The treatment he and his fellow inmate receive is unacceptable. At the end of the day no matter the offense they are still human being and should be treated as such. We need change in the prison system and the way inmates are treated.



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Oversight is very much needed. Instead of teaching incarcerated people the skills and mindset to succeed in society, people are warehoused for years, bullied, belittled, tormented, tortured, and set up to fail by being released with no skills, support, or education with little chance of employment and unrealistic demands by parole and probation. One of the reasons for this is lack of staff and failure to retain staff by not appreciating or compensating them as they should be and deserve. This misery trickles down with the hiring of inappropriate, unprepared, and ill-trained people who are not encouraged by their superiors or department heads to view incarcerated people as people, most of whom will eventually be released from custody and returned to society. Going to prison (being removed from society) is not going to turn out productive citizens when they are spending years in a concrete box, behind razor wire and fences, without the critical skills needed in the fast changing world of today. Instead of that education, these people are coming home with PTSD at a higher rate than those discharging from the military due to how they are treated, the lack of decent housing, food, actual treatment, medical care, counseling, and a way to continue that treatment, counseling, housing, transportation, and medical care once they are released (especially in the smaller towns, cities, and rural areas of our state. The mindset that they are no longer human beings and citizens of this state from the upper echelons of the Missouri DOC has to be checked and stopped, as well as the belief that the lower level employees are replaceable drones. The mission statement encourages communication and visits yet makes them nearly impossible with the extreme cost of telephone calls, spotty availability of the phones, limited visiting areas, and the underpaid, overworked, underappreciated, and very limited staff, and the basic denial of human rights and dignity to the incarcerated. This must be changed and stopped, and it must start from the top. We are all human beings, citizens of the USA, and last but not least, Missourians. Everyone is someone's father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, cousin, grandchild, loved one, husband, wife, or friend. We do not check out of humanity when we cross Missouri borders, or lack it because we are born here, and as Missourians, we should be encouraging and uplifting our fellow man, and appreciating and also caring about the safety and support those who are employed by the citizens of our state.



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WITNESS NAME: DONNA WALMSLEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Every department in our state government should have oversight to ensure that taxpayer dollars are being used properly, in accord with the mission of the department and the carrying out of that mission. I have heard reports of the lack of proper medical care, especially during Covid, the inadequacy of rehabilitation programs, and sever staff shortages in our jails and prisons. Our fellow citizens are residents and workers in these facilities and must be respected with dignity. An oversight commission would provide a vehicle for transparency and investigations of improper procedures and treatment. Please pass this very important bill which would help guarantee basic human rights to those incarcerated.



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WITNESS NAME: DOROTHY DEMPSEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in support of HB 1922-Collins-Corrections Oversight Committee. This bill is long overdue and a much needed bill for the grievous conditions of the prison system.



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WITNESS NAME: DOROTHY ODEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I support bill 1922 not only because I believe that everyone deserves a second chance and also that this bill support our cultural and societal belief that good behavior should be rewarded. I agree also that if offenders good behaviors are rewarded this lead to more good behaviors and thus more satisfied and compliant prisoners. Thank you!



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WITNESS NAME: DOUGLAS WRIGHT III		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I believe the oversight committee with the data created will find solutions to improve Missouri's Correction System.



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WITNESS NAME: DR. CHERYL HIBBETT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing in support of HB1922, establishing a Department of Corrections Oversight Committee. As a retired educator, I've tried to use my experience with ADA advocacy to help families petition the Department of Corrections for medical treatment and accommodations withheld from their loved-ones in Missouri Prisons. I've worked with families who are spending countless hours contacting prison officials at all levels trying to resolve issues in DOC facilities as their loved-ones continue to suffer. These experiences helped convince me that external oversight of our prison system is essential. The people living in our prisons are the least likely to have money to pay lawyers or strong political connections to help bring attention to their living conditions and the abuses they suffer. Advocacy organizations are overwhelmed with requests for help and there is nowhere else to turn. With the number of deaths due to suicides, overdoses and violent attacks, as well as abysmal medical treatment, Missouri Department of Corrections desperately needs an Oversight Committee.



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WITNESS NAME: ELIZABETH R TWEDELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a family member of an incarcerated individual, it has been eye opening to see how poorly the men are treated; we treat animals in the pound better. The disregard for basic human respect and dignity not only hurts these individuals, it also impacts their ability to successfully reintegrate into society upon release. DOC needs an oversight committee to ensure that all individuals in their custody are provided with basic rights and treated with dignity.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: ELLIE RICHTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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I am writing in support of HB 1922, to advocate for funding for rehabilitative programs, education, and social services for inmates in Missouri jails and prisons. I am a speech-language pathologist specializing in early childhood communication. I am also a sister to an autistic adult brother who has spent over five months in the Missouri prison system. Similar to young children with communication disorders, adults with disabilities may require communication accommodations. My brother requires an advocate and accommodations for successful completion of legal paperwork and health advocacy. This requires my dad and I to communicate with my brother daily. Since the inception of my brother's experience with the legal system, we have faced a lack of support services at every turn. He requires cognitive behavioral therapy as recommended by two independent psychologists and has yet to receive therapy. As a family this has been an incredible financial and emotional burden. It feels as if our criminal justice is systematically designed to break families apart and achieve financial gain in the process. We've received messages about not having underwear or socks for almost a week because he had to order his own, his toilet not working for almost half a week, leaking pipes, dinners that consist of two pieces of bread and a side of chips, cellmates who can't afford insulin for their diabetes, and cellmates that have to pull their own teeth out due to lack of timely and appropriate healthcare. In his entire stay at this facility, we were informed he was not allowed outside. He didn't see sunlight or sky for five months. For five months he was warehoused in a county jail. Personally, the financial cost to communicate with our family member is astronomical for a system that is unreliable and lacking substance. For a \$30 deposit, the amount of money that actually goes towards my inmate phone account is about \$21-\$23. Each text message is \$0.50 to \$1.00 through the designated app, when we're already paying for a phone plan. Due to COVID, there are no in person visits allowed. Because there are no in person visits allowed, we have two options: pay astronomical pricing to communicate on an unstable App or we have the option to drive an hour and a half to to communicate in the lobby through a FaceTime like program. This type of communication is unacceptable, and is a financial and emotional punishment to the family members doing their best to support an incarcerated family member. Companies are profiting off our emotional pain. What I've found once my brother was moved to a different county jail is that the cost to communicate at that location was cut in half. 25 cents per text compared to the previous .50 cents per text. It seems as if each county jail has their own prices. Where is the oversight and regulation? While businesses, schools, organizations, and towns are reopening after COVID, our families are forgotten. I watch as my seventy-two-year-old dad drives an hour and a half to sit in a lobby and speak for 3-5 minutes on a malfunctioning video system just to see his son...and then he drives an hour and a half home. I am so disgusted with this system's treatment of families of the incarcerated, and I will not remain silent about my absurd experiences in supporting a family member through Missouri's prison system. I am asking for immediate assistance in remediating the poor communication and conditions in Missouri's prison system. Reopen visitation protocols and

regulate phone/text communication so that families are not financially burdened by communication. Designate support services for families of the incarcerated because we are struggling, and we are struggling right now. We have an opportunity as a state to be a leader in criminal justice reform. Strengthen our communities by supporting our inmates and their families with necessary support services. It's time for Missouri to put people over profit.



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WITNESS NAME: ELYSE MAX		PHONE NUMBER: 816-931-4177	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURIANS FOR ALTERNATIVES TO THE DEATH PENALTY		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: GAYLE W JONES		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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I have a son in the MODOC and have firsthand knowledge of the horrible state of affairs at our prisons. Mental Healthcare is a joke. Guards lack training and are not screened well to find the right type of person for the job. They don't even have to have a GED to get hired. The prisons are warehouses. There is no rehabilitation of those who want to be useful members of society when they get out. They are shown that bullies always win. That is true of guards who are bullies as well. Medical is a joke. My son almost died from a bad reaction to a new medication and was put in adseg instead of medical being called. He doesn't remember most of three days because of that. There are drugs in the prisons and I know how they are getting the special K in.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: GLORIA GOODLOE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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My husband is in Northeast Correctional Center and the prison conditions are deplorable. The prisoners are treated like animals. They can't keep guards because they are expected to do double shifts or they will be fired or they arbitrarily quit. The State prison system is inhumane. No one seems to care or want to hear their grievances including Petosi.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: HEATHER WALLIN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The department of corrections in missouri needs an oversight committee! My loved one is incarcerated at WMCC. As an educated and informed citizen, I have NEVER seen a state run organization in such a disastrous state. If an oversight committee was involved it would hold facilities accountable for doing the right thing. The current state involves smuggling in drugs or other contraband, or harassment and mistreatment of inmates, inappropriate sexual contact with inmates, inhumane conditions, rules that are not followed, IRR requests and grievances 'misplaced' or overseen. The list goes on and on. Please feel free to contact me anytime.



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WITNESS NAME: HEIDI MITCHELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: IAN FLANDERS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I believe that any inmate who has: served 16 years of the full sentence, completed multiple classes, college courses, and overall shown positive changes in attitude, mindset, and actions, is more than eligible for release.



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WITNESS NAME: JACQUELYN FLANDERS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: JAMES FIGUEROA-ROBNETT JR.		PHONE NUMBER: 573-356-4433	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI CONFERENCE - NAACP		TITLE: MO NAACP PRISONER PROJECT ASST. COMM.	
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Periodically since 1979, I have responded to constituent concerns of inmates & their family members for various legislators. Since about 2015, I have worked as a Volunteer in Corrections (VIC) as a volunteer employee for the Missouri Department of Corrections. I do my VIC work with the NAACP Branch at the Jefferson City Correctional Center (JCCC). Since 1979, I have had to inquire into issues concerning whether an inmate's death was a suicide or a homicide; about alleged assaults of prison staff on inmates, one as recently as last month; I have met with guards who have been assaulted by inmates; and, I have to respond to numerous complaints about inadequate medical care in various prison facilities of MODOC. In my NAACP work with the NAACP Branch at JCCC, I have experienced during COVID our meetings understandably being cancelled due to staff shortages. Also, our NAACP members have had to individually file grievances on medical & other issues of concern in HB 1922. Because of my experiences with MO DOC since 1979, I fully support the establishment of a DOC legislative oversight committee. I believe that such a committee will serve as a great asset to the MO DOC, the legislative members, & the Governor. By examining data and issues, the legislators will be more fully informed to enable them to craft more effective budgets & laws to better assist MO DOC with the issues of concern raised in HB 1922. I and the Missouri State Conference of the NAACP respectfully ask the members of the committee to vote to pass HB 1922 out of your committee to improve your work and the work of the Missouri Department of Corrections. Thank you for considering our testimony.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMES NAUGLES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: JEANETTE MOTT OXFORD		PHONE NUMBER: 314-775-3261	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: METROPOLITAN CONGREGATIONS UNITED		TITLE: ORGANIZER AND LEAD CAMPAIGN STRATEGIST	
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April 12, 2022To: Chairman Dogan and Members House Special Committee on Criminal JusticeFrom: Allyn Harris Dault, Chairperson, Legislative Team Metropolitan Congregations UnitedRe: Our support for HB 1922We are thankful to Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins for sponsoring House Bill 1922. Metropolitan Congregations United has engaged in a multi-year campaign to break the pre-school to prison pipeline and to promote smart sentencing that will improve life outcomes for incarcerated persons, reduce recidivism, and lower Missouri's corrections budget. Our past activities related to criminal justice reform have included working vigorously on the Raise the Age campaign and organizing to restore voting rights more quickly to those with felony convictions. Many of us have family members or other loved ones who have been arrested and/or incarcerated, and we know very personally where some of the problems are in the system. We believe that a Department of Corrections Oversight Committee is needed:• Often DOC leadership is hesitant to dismiss staff who do not improve performance in response to requests from supervisors because of understaffing. • Our loved ones report delays and other difficulties when seeking care for health conditions, and preventive care is especially lacking. • The diet of those in prison leaves much to be desired from a health and quantity standpoint, and we are concerned that this contributes to hypertension, diabetes, and other chronic health conditions. • Violence and self-harm must be reduced with a goal of total elimination. For these and many other reasons, we support HB 1922. Please vote DO PASS and move this legislation forward quickly.



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WITNESS NAME: JEFF MIZANSKEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: JEFFREY C. HUMFELD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: JEREMY LAFAVER		PHONE NUMBER: 816-654-3666	
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My 19 year old son is incarcerated at the ERDCC in Bonne Terre. He has been placed in the hole twice that I am aware of and each time he is allowed no contact with me, his own mother, he has made some poor choices in his life but he is still a human and without interactions with his family he becomes depressed and angry. He isn't allowed outside of the cell, the majority of the letters my family and I send do not make it to him or should I say he isn't given. Without communication with us it makes him feel unloved. He isn't an animal he is a human. Months ago I filled out the applications for my husband and children to visit him and they yet to be approved, my husband has had to fill out many of them and a several have been denied. The first and only visit I have been able to have with my 19 year old child I noticed he had a broken tooth I asked if he was ever seen about this issue as he must have his teeth to eat, the tooth hurts he informed me that he wasn't going to medical as they have told the inmates they will be wrote up. He said I don't need to be wrote up again mom, I'm trying to stay out of trouble. How can you tell these men and women that can't seek medical attention or they will be punished? That is unfair and unjust. Like I said they are still humans and still someone's loved one. You can't leave them caged all day and expect them to act like decent humans, if I was caged all day long I would act like an animal. You have women guards working in a mens prison having sex with these men, how in gods name is that ok? You have guards sneaking in contraband and causing more issues for these men and women. Something needs to be done. Stop caving out loved ones and allow them to speak with us. We are the ones who try and keep them calm and who try to guide them in the write direction. Most of them are just caught in the middle in a bad situation having to make choices they don't want to in order to protect themselves.



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Hello My name is JoDenise Crawford I have a son that is currently housed in the JCC penitentiary where I have called and sent letters on his behalf because of the treatment in the prison. The case worker and Wardens have failed to communicate when I have reached out on many occasions. Often I have been transferred to others that state there nothing that can be done . I understand that my dome is incarcerated, but the treat that he has received is unjust , going with out showers, not allowed to make the once a month calls to loved one to ensure that he is well . I was not able to attend this meeting today and respectfully desire that my voice be heard in the much needed changes in the prison system . I thought it was for rehabilitation , how can we expect prisoner to change if those working with them treat them with such injustice . I would like to thank Ms Kimberly Collins who has answers and returned every call no matter the time or day bringo some form of comfort & peace of mind in reference to my son .



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Please we need a committee to watch and help both of our loved ones that are incarcerated .this is an very good thing.



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My husband is Ronnie McGowan #1258676 and he has been incarcerated for more than 10+ years. In the pass I've contacted Jefferson City; constituent service and demanded that his IIR's be traced and documented as received regardless of whether they were accepted or denied. There have been many instances where his IIR's have been destroyed or not accepted, based on what that officer felt was deemed at that time. I've contacted FOX2News regarding a situation where he was moved to another prison facility during the pandemic when it was states no transfers were taking place. He was placed in a cell with another offenses that was said to have tested positive for COVID-19. This mad the news and only because it made the news was his IIR complaint accepted in the system because they had to. I've spoke to the Warden at Potosi behind that incident and also the Warden at MECC when all of his property was "thrown away" by an officer and NOTHING was done. The office threw away all pics, marriage license copy, clothing and other articles that belonged to Ronnie that could never be replaced. It is not fair or humane to treat people like their less than human because they have committed a crime in the past ghat they're are sentenced for and paying their debt to society by doing time. All the programs are full the is NO REHABILITATION and many of the officers that work in these facilities are never written up or coached for their unprofessionalism, they all look out for one another. We are demanded things change and that there are outside communities that facilitate and oversee these complaints to make the corrections facilities a better place and so that offenders voices can be heard. I've witnessed so many incidents that have occurred that I've tried to reach out to the administrators to have resolved and nothing is ever done. It seems that the only criminals are not the offenders but also some of the acts performed by staff are illegal and human rights violations. Please hear us, we love our family members and want to see them come home and have the opportunity to have a second chance. But the living conditions just make them angrier and harden based on how they're treated for crimes they were already sentenced to.



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I believe this organization is greatly needed! My fiancé needed and still needs medical attention. But he continues to be ignored and told it's too bad. And because of this neglect his foot has not and continues to not heal as it should. Doctors ordered physical therapy but soon as he made any progress they stopped it. His doctor ordered splints, medical shoes, and more therapy but now can't even get an answer. Except it's been ordered but they haven't heard anything. This has gone on for months. I know it has effected him and his self esteem and the pain, and the neglect he has been treated is not right. Because of the neglect and the untreated orders by doctors themselves his foot will not have healed correctly and is going to cause him more stress and pain in the future. They deserve to be cared for and treated correctly. They deserve to be approved the medical treatment their doctors put in for them. The emotional stress and hurt I have witnessed only over the phone is absolutely uncalled for. If it was the staffs foot anybody working there they would want the correct treatment. I know he has filled out many complaints and tried to reach out to many to help and get the right treatment and is still to this day told its ordered but hasn't come in yet. That's been for months. He needs his medical shoes. He needs the correct therapy. He's human. And if it was your father, brother, sister, mother, daughter, son, grandson, grand daughter, grandpa, grandma, wouldn't you want them cared for and given the right medical attention they deserve and not to feel like they don't matter or even just how alone they feel when nobody else does. I've heard tears falling from a mans face with only how much he only wanted help. These people in there are suppose to wanna help them. To some it might be just a job but don't they still need to do their jobs?? I have also watched a man carry out in a program that I see is changing this mans life. Changing his look on life, his mindset about other people, his rage, his depression, his self esteem, and how order is to be followed in this life and also is teaching him how to handle things and accept things better when he gets released. I have watched a man change into I don't care I do what I want. To considering other people and truly learning the ways of handling his emotions and being able to deal with the troubles we all have. I truly believe the program he his in will make him walk out a better man. Will give him more success when he is released to start a better life. Every one deserves a chance. A little flicker of hope in someone's heart is a light to be seen and heard.



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I am in support of this bill as a means to increase transparency in the DOC and ensure compliance with law for the protection of the rights of those that are incarcerated.



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April 11, 2022 To: Representative Shamed Dogan and Members of the House Special Committee on Criminal Justice From: Kenya Brumfield-Young, MLS, MSCJ – Assistant Professor of Criminology/Criminal Justice – St. Louis University RE: My support of HB1922 Greetings, Representative Dogan and Honorable Members of the House Special Committee on Criminal Justice. Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of HB1922 which would create a “Department of Corrections Oversight Committee”. I offer my testimony as my own expert opinion, and it in no way reflects the opinions of St. Louis University or affiliates. Correctional facilities are considered “closed facilities”; few people gain access even though people are housed for a few years, decades, or a lifetime. In Davis v. Ayala, Justice Kennedy wrote, “Too often, discussion in the legal academy and among practitioners and policymakers concentrates simply on the adjudication of guilt or innocence. Too easily ignored is the question of what comes next. Prisoners are shut away—out of sight, out of mind.” The public easily ignores the plight of those living while incarcerated. By design, carceral systems rely on power imbalances to function. These systems exercise total authority over peoples’ bodies and freedom. Committees such as the one proposed in HB1922 are necessary to ensure the duty of care of people who are imprisoned and to ensure that the prisons are also safe and secure for residents and staff. According to what is known in academic research as “The Hawthorn Effect,” oversight works because simply watching something reduces undesirable behaviors and outcomes while increasing desirable behaviors and outcomes. Through the existence of an oversight board, people who are incarcerated have an opportunity to have concerns reviewed through an independent body. Reviews from an oversight committee would also endow institutional administrators an opportunity to address institutional inefficiencies, policies, and practices before safety or other concerns arise for staff or residents. An oversight committee would provide administrators the latitude to view their operating systems through an independent lens. Lastly, oversight provides legislators an opportunity to review the effectiveness of criminal justice initiatives, reforms, and other efforts. I ask that you please pass HB1922 out of your committee. Thank you, Kenya Brumfield-Young, MLS, MSCJ Assistant Professor Criminology/Criminal Justice St. Louis University Kenya.BrumfieldYoung@slu.edu 314-718-0361 (mobile)



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I'm in support of the oversight committee. I realize that the problems of the (Corrections system) did not just spring up but have on going for many years. However now a multitude of issues have come to the forefront. My hope is that the oversight committee can bring changes that will positively affect inmates, families and the general public. I believe that marked changes in inmate housing assignments, parole release and general safety procedures which cost little to nothing to implement will save lives. The prison system has become a for profit institution rather than a place for correction, repentance and hopefully return to community as productive citizens. Please consider the concerns of the families, friends and loved ones of the incarcerated.



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This is a huge step in the right direction for Missouri. Thank you to Representative Collins for your work on this bill!



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It is with hope that I will be able to attend the hearing in person, but in case I am unable to do so, I want to make sure that my concerns are documented. It is with great sadness, disappointment, and heartache that my son has put himself in the position of being a resident within the prison system. Prior to being thrust into this situation of being a parent of an inmate, like the general population, I did not pay much attention to the conditions of our prison system. Honestly, I did not care and felt that "those people" deserved the consequences of the choices that they had made on the "outside". I was wrong. The state of our prison system is shocking. I am struggling to understand why and how it has gotten to the point of where it exists today. Based on my general knowledge, it seems that we have allowed the corruption to continue for too long. I say this because people like myself, friends and family of those imprisoned, have had to watch the pain that our loved ones go through within the system. Examples include: lack of supplies for basic needs such as mats to sleep on, blankets for standard warmth, shoes, lack of medical attention, the hoops an inmate has to jump through to get the medical attention, to have their questions answered thoroughly, access to the library, and more. And then there are the threats, intimidation, and lack of training and lack of staffing. The persecution and discrimination that occurs in our institutions is appalling. When our loved ones first enter the system and upon each transfer into any new unit, they are being demanded to produce their papers. Meaning, they have to expose to the other inmates what they have been convicted of. Depending on the nature of the crime will determine the degree of the target that is placed on the new inmate. This target opens up the extortion that the inmate has to pay off, which never ends and usually is the responsibility of those of us on the outside to pay in order to keep our loved one safe. This is a major problem since everyone is grouped into one category upon arrival to each institution even after their diagnostic process. During this diagnostic phase, inmates are given a security level. People that have been deemed a level 1 security risk are being filtered into level 5 areas, many times based on their convictions with the assumption being made "they're all alike". Which is untrue. Many of our inmates are willing to serve their time. They do not want to participate in the rampant gang and drug activity that is prevalent within our prison system. Which brings us to another issue. The lack of mental and education services for our inmates. Those of us on the outside assume that these services are available, and maybe they are, but to be able to utilize them is very cumbersome and difficult. Education is also a critical and key component for allowing our inmates to grow mentally, ensure their safety and the ability to acclimate back into a civilized society - whether it's outside with us or while remaining in state or federal custody. Our inmates need a productive outlet for their aggression. I have been told by my peers that also have or have had loved ones in our system that there are organized fights being sponsored by the CO's. In addition, there have been payoffs made for special favors, a blind eye for illegal activity, and even more severe problems. Instead, it would be beneficial to allow for teams to form rather than gangs. There are so many physical activities that provide a mental and physical benefit without the

torture of the current status of our prison system. The system itself needs an overhaul. The first step would be granting passage of this bill so that we the people will have a resource that ensures that the system wide corruption is being cleaned up and put out of business. Our prisoners deserve their punishment. But they are still citizens of great country in the world and also deserve to be treated like human beings and not like an illegal dog fighting ring. And yes, I know this all sounds like a "kumbaya" solution to a massive problem. We need to start somewhere and with HB1922, we can get one step closer.



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My name is Lori Curry and I'm the founder and director of an organization called Missouri Prison Reform. Through my work over the last three years, I have heard from countless current and former incarcerated individuals, families of incarcerated people, and even department of corrections staff. It is clear that there needs to be some accountability for the actions of staff and administration and the way the prisons are being run. The department has policies in place but they aren't consistently followed, even by administration. Neglect, abuse, sexual misconduct, and more. The department has a grievance policy in place which is the only recourse that an incarcerated person has. Unfortunately, when an incarcerated person files an informal resolution request or a grievance, these either go missing or more often, end up denied. These grievances are reviewed by department staff and administration. Even if an "investigator" gets involved, they, too, are a department employee. Can we even expect them to be objective? Medical neglect is rampant in the prison. Medical call is the opportunity for an incarcerated person to be seen by a doctor or receive medical treatment, but medical call is canceled more frequently than held lately. When an incarcerated person does see a doctor or a nurse practitioner, the provider may write an order for medication or medical equipment but the incarcerated person rarely sees that ordered item. Doctors order imaging, testing, follow-up appointments after surgery and these appointments are never made. Family members contact the facility or constituent services but never receive a response or may be lied to about the situation. Again, an incarcerated person can only file an informal resolution request and begin the grievance policy which ultimately gets them nowhere. Currently the prisons are grossly understaffed and are unsafe for both the incarcerated and staff. Librarians, case managers, laundry room workers, and receptionists are among those staff who are working in corrections positions at Missouri prisons recently. In February of this year, there were four stabbings in four days at ERDCC in Bonne Terre. Three incarcerated people and a staff member. The prisons are so below staffing ratios that incarcerated people are spending hours on "lockdown" in their cells, missing recreation time, time to make phone calls to their family and friends, and more. Missouri Prison Reform is frequently contacted by department of corrections staff from all facilities to talk about the awful things going on inside the prisons. Honestly, many of them are terrified every time they go into work right now. They also tell us of some of the awful things done by other staff members and how administration attempts to cover it up. Recently, a corrections officer was caught bringing in a gun into FRDC in Fulton. The officer was allowed to go in and work his shift and continued to work for another two weeks, only being fired when he got into an argument with a supervisor. Last year, five men at ERDCC in Bonne Terre were praying when they were pepper-sprayed by a corrections officer who is atheist. These men were sent to segregation in their clothes that were covered in pepper spray, not allowed to shower for over twenty-four hours, and didn't have access to water to wash their faces. They each filed an informal resolution request but it got them nowhere.

Missouri Prison Reform submitted a sunshine request for the video from the incident but were denied. A Missouri state representative eventually went to the facility and helped the men get some justice for the incident. Things like this should not happen but when they do, department of corrections administration should not be trying to cover it up. Director Precythe's front-line staff are struggling, her facilities are in trouble, people are being seriously injured, even murdered, and she's more concerned with photo ops and furthering her career. There is an enormous mistrust between the public and the department of corrections and it's well warranted. We're asking for accountability from the department of corrections and we need this bill to achieve that.



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I fully believe that this bill can help to increase the chances that those who abuse the power that they hold as officers and workers of the justice system and can be held more accountable for their actions. I also believe it can help to make better citizens of those who are in the care of the system for one reason or another. Most everyone who is currently incarcerated will at some point be able to be back into society and when they are the system should be more focused and helping the rehabilitation efforts so that these individuals will be an asset to society instead of a hindrance! With this bill being passed it will be one more step in the right direction to making a real difference!! In all of our lives. Thank you and God Bless!



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Chairman Dogan, Vice-Chairman Lovasco, members of the committee; thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today in opposition to HB 1922 which seeks to revoke local control of public safety operations from the City of St. Louis. Pro-Choice Missouri works to protect and expand every Missourian's right to bodily autonomy, to access essential reproductive healthcare, to access accurate information in order to make the best decisions for ourselves and our families, and to parent our children in safety and dignity. Moreover, we work to ensure reproductive justice for all Missourians, which includes advocating where our bodily autonomy, family security and physical/mental/spiritual safety connect with our sexual and reproductive lives. Oversight of public safety operations is critical to protecting bodily autonomy and expanding access to basic and essential sexual and reproductive health care services for ALL Missourians. The American Bar Association, in 2008, called on every jurisdiction across the country to establish in statute a correctional oversight body. It is crucial to the efficacy of these programs that oversight bodies are independent from key stakeholders in the legal/carceral system. "Prisons and jails in this country are among the most opaque public institutions in our society..... We lack reliable data pertinent to the health, safety, and well-being of people in custody and cannot even assess the relative safety or danger of any particular facility. Information about death in custody remains elusive in many states. Even data about the spread and toll of Covid-19 behind bars is spotty and unreliable, and is virtually nonexistent in local jails. In contrast to our peer nations, most states in this country lack oversight mechanisms that can prevent harm in prisons and jails by allowing independent officials to routinely monitor conditions of confinement." A leading national organization advocating for equitable criminal justice reform in states like Missouri, Families Against Mandatory Minimums, lists the components that make up an equitable oversight body as follows: Independent; Able to access and inspect prisons upon demand; Able to obtain documents and data upon demand; Able to speak confidentially with prisoners and staff; Responsive to incarcerated people and their families; Responsive to policymakers and the public; Fully staffed; and Fully funded. "Independent oversight is critical to making prisons and jails safer, more accountable, and transparent. Without it, legislators and taxpayers alike are often left in the dark about the true status of the criminal legal systems they fund." Critically, while Pro Choice Missouri supports the advancement of this bill in order to better provide for incarcerated Missourians and their families right now but, we oppose the incarceration of pregnant people, and their babies, period. We know that Black and other non-white Missourians are over-policed and disproportionately incarcerated compared to their white counterparts. Incarceration decimates entire families; emotionally, physically, socioeconomically, etc. Furthermore, the inadequate access to adequate health care, including menstrual products and peri/postpartum support, is far from just. In her award winning publication *Our Bodies, Our Crimes: The Policing of Women's Reproduction in America*, Jeanne Flavin writes that, "Prisons have been

designed along a 'one-size-fits-all' model based on a population of men," where uniquely female conditions like menstruation, menopause, obstetrics, and gynecologic care are not given strong consideration." Every single Missourian deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, no matter what. Independent oversight of correctional facilities in Missouri is crucial to ensuring humane and dignified treatment of people who are incarcerated in our state. Pro Choice Missouri urges this body to work further to keep pregnant and parenting Missourians out of prison, for the health of our communities and our state, and in the interim to VOTE YES on this bill that will promote the health and well being of pregnant and parenting and all Missourians who are incarcerated right now. Thank you.



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On behalf of the staff, board, and statewide Criminal Justice Coalition convened by Empower Missouri, I would like to register our support for HB 1922. Representative Collins has dedicated significant time and energy to visiting correctional facilities in Missouri and understanding the myriad of issues within the Department of Corrections, and we're grateful for her work. Just last month, an inmate at the correctional facility in Bonne Terre was killed in an altercation with another inmate. At this same facility, three inmates and a guard were stabbed over the course of a three-day span in February of this year. Unfortunately, these are not uncommon occurrences in our correctional facilities. There have been many reports of staffing shortages, including serious shortages of healthcare workers in these facilities. There have also been many allegations of abuse and neglect from staff in correctional facilities. And, perhaps most disturbingly, there have been pervasive reports of sexual harassment and assault inside our prisons in recent years, with numerous reports from both inmates as well as female staff in the prisons. We deeply value the work that Department of Correction Director Anne Precythe is doing to improve the Missouri correctional system, and we are hopeful for the changes that we will see in the system under her leadership. However, we also believe that the Oversight Board proposed by Representative Collins in this bill would provide much needed support and accountability from the state to ensure the safety and long-term success of the 23,000 individuals currently incarcerated in Missouri prisons.



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My name is Mandy Koziol. I am here on behalf of my son John C. Young. My son was incarcerated in April 2017. he was charged with volunteer manslaughter. The Judge over his case gave him the harshest sentence he was allowed to give an offender. My son did not in his 45 years have a prior criminal record. We have appealed my son's case twice to only get a quick response back showing no change. My son is a kind and caring person who did many good things for his community. My son is a five-time cancer survivor in his late twenties. his last case was in 2016 when he was diagnosed with rare stomach cancer which half of his stomach had to be removed also lymph nodes. My son has bravely fought for his life through years of radiation and chemotherapy. And now he is fighting for the justice system to give him another chance to show that he again is a person who will contribute to society in a positive way. while in prison my son has been a model prisoner, for five years he has had no write-ups or lockdowns, he enrolled in the College the prison offered and has been on the Deans' Honor roll for two years in a row. He completed all the required programs that he needed to do. He has over 300 restorative justice hours in and is continuing to do more. He is on the committee panel for restorative justice and has been asked to fill a position as President assistant. My son has a parole hearing in October of 2021, it usually takes a few weeks if not a month to hear back on their decision but in my son's case he received his answer within a few days letting him know his next Parole hearing date would not be for another five years. this again is very very rare for such a long setback till the next hearing. As I have shared all the positive behavior my son has shown for five years and the Parole Board can only say well lets see if you can stay out of trouble for the next five years. Is this justice for a man who has been broken over the tragedy that happened five years ago. Please allow my son an early release. He will never be a re-offender I know that with all my heart. Also, my son is not getting the proper medical attention, every month I need to call to make sure his B-12 shot has been ordered, he will die if he does not get this every 30 days. He has been waiting for hearing aids for over two years, his knee is in so much pain as he is needing a knee replacement but again the Doctor will not address this matter. My son has a leaky heart valve which a heart Doctor discovered thru tests before he was incarcerated, this also is not addressed when he has server chest pains. I love my son and have suffered his incarceration with him. I am 71 years of age it is also very hard for my husband and me to drive 250 miles one way to see my son. Thank you for giving me a voice to share all my concerns about my son. John and Mandy Koziol



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I am a retired Gifted Education teacher with a family member who is incarcerated in Missouri. I support a D.O.C. Oversight Committee which would protect an individual from being harmed in any way while being incarcerated. People make wrong decisions in life. Most regret them, and they understand that they must face appropriate consequences for their behavior. These individuals are still entitled to serve their time without the fear or reality of being harmed by prison staff. It is my hope that this bill will pass quite easily and successfully!



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As a member of the public, concerned with criminal justice issues, and as an attorney in the state of Missouri, I am in support of a Corrections Oversight Committee which includes half of the members on its board as members of the general public. The structure that is proposed - half partisan and half members of the public with relevant qualifications, appears to be an appropriate mix. While I have no direct involvement with the prison population or the Dept of Corrections, and I do not practice criminal law, it is a common perception of many citizens of Missouri that there are abuses and credible complaints coming from residents in our prison system. Anecdotally, many instances have been shared with me by citizens who relate obstacles by their family members and those of acquaintances who have not been able to have their medical and other needs met, and who have concerns about the living conditions in the prisons. While I have no personal knowledge of the details of these incidents I think this emphasizes the need for an oversight board as proposed. When rumors and accusations of this nature are so prevalent in many sectors of society, it seems only just and responsive to this outcry to establish such an oversight board. I am aware that certain rehabilitation programs are being proposed through other avenues and we know these are badly needed. It would follow that such an oversight committee could gain insights into the needs for rehabilitation programs and provide information helpful to those programs as well. If there truly is a commitment to rehabilitation in our justice system, as opposed to merely exacting retribution and penalty for wrongdoing, such an oversight board is a step in the right direction.



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I have a son in the MO. DOC System ,and we communicate several times a day . First of all he was falsely Accused ,Falsely Arrested , And Convicted With No Proof on Hear Say from his Niece & Sister !!! From What My Son Tells me going on in the prison ,he see's MANY CO's being Corrupt & Carelessness towards Prisoner's .When he had been convicted and sent to a temp evaluation Prison , I had to Call the FBI to make sure The Corrupt CO's were arrested and Escorted from The Building ! The Judge that sentenced him is Just as Corrupt as it gets also !!! So therefore All I can Hope for at this time is Hope someone with "Real Power" to Look at My Son's case and see EXACTLY how the Judicial System has destroyed his Life !!! They should have noticed when I Called The FBI to remove The Corrupt CO's from The Facility ! Sad that we can never Trust State Employees to do the right thing anymore My Son wouldn't be in Prison if This Judge in ST Joseph Mo. didn't think he's a God and Make his Own Rule's ...



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I have a brother currently in incarcerated in Moberly Corrections. He has diabetes and is currently on dialysis the nurse that work at this facility do not care how they treat the incarcerated. My brother had to be transported to a outside hospital due to their Negligence a few weeks ago. I think if a oversight committee is established there will be more accountability in transparency.



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The Doc desperately needs this bill to be in place. Everyone needs to be held accountable, not just offenders. The Doc staff are far from perfect human beings, some of them are no different from the people they are facilitating. Many of the situations that occur in these prisons would not occur if the staffed feared consequences, but they do not because they aren't being enforced by anyone because they are all in favor of each other. Unprofessional conduct, high school mentality work environment, lack of integrity, abuse of authority, poor attitudes , inhumane treatment to offenders, lack of concern when placing known rivals together. The list goes on... A oversee committee would be a healthy addition to the environment for staff and offenders.



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My husband has been mistreated in Bonne Terre Prison. He's been complaining about his health issues for over 6 months, such as having heart problems. He's been issued the wrong medication more than twice and which is causing harm to him. Thank you Ms. Kimberly Collins for taking time out to help our love ones who's incarcerated.



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I SUPPORT THIS BILL FOR THIS CORRECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. THE PEOPLE IN PRISONS/JAILS DESERVE OUR CARE AND SUPPORT TO BE WHO THEY WERE MEANT TO BE. WHEN I WAS VISITING A PERSON IN ISOLATION, SHE SAID CLEARLY, "THIS IS NOT WHAT GOD MEANT FOR ME". I SUPPORT GIVING THOSE INCARCERATED THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO BE THEIR BEST VERSION...OR, AT LEAST A BETTER VERSION OF WHO THEY ARE. WHAT IF THE WORST THING WE EVER DID WERE MADE PUBLIC?



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To whom it may concern, These young (old) men and woman have the same rights as all HUMAN BEINGS have whether incarcerated or not. Out here on the streets just like in Congress there are checks and balances, things in place to make sure one is not discriminated against for a job, sexually harassed at work, NEA to protect teachers, unions to protect employees from big corporations, audits to make sure company's are keeping their books properly, inspections of nursing homes to make sure the elderly are cared for properly and DFS to protect children from abuse and neglect. Are inmates given these same rights? The answer is unequivocally NO. Are there safeguards in place to assure they are free from abuse and neglect? The answer is unequivocally NO. They are bullied, sexually and mentally harassed, raped, beaten, stabbed, and even killed by not just inmates but guards. I ask you what safe guards are in place to make sure inmates are protected and unharmed, assuring their basic human rights of being treated with human dignity are met....., nothing, nor their safety insured. I learned a long time ago that society holds people of different backgrounds and circumstances at varying levels of respect and dignity. It is not our right to determine what level of dignity and respect one receives as WE ALL DESERVE HUMAN DIGNITY AND RESPECT!!!! Most of the time images are barely given basic human rights. The prison system is like the old boys club... remember when woman weren't allowed in certain professions or sexually harassed and because their value was less than that of a man's these horrible and horrific behaviors of abuse were pushed under the rug, many times if they had the courage to speak out they were not believed. PLEASE give these prisoners, HUMAN BEINGS, the same rights as ALL PEOPLE!!!! For this to happen and prisons held to the same standards as all entities an oversight committee must be in place. The prison system is not held to the same standards as all other entities in Missouri. They are the judge and jury of everything occurring inside those prison walls. Day in and day out our loved ones are being violated mentally and physically, many times leading to death and it continues because NOONE is held accountable for these Hyenas acts. The above words are meant to evoke change and address the most important aspect of prison life, SAFETY!! But many changes need to occur for this to happen. Are we providing programs for betterment or to positively pass the time and impact change or are we leaving these men and woman to sit all day and stay in the same mindset that brought them to incarceration. We must provide programs like in high schools where one learns academically, sports programs and a trade. Image a place full of testosterone and built up frustration and no one is given any outlets to release these feelings nor the added stress that prison brings (feelings of being caged like an animal). You will have mental health problems and fights. Just like a child in school that has ADHD and doesn't have a positive outlet will get in trouble, resources must be provided for change to occur. Let's not sit stagnate and wonder why things are not different but have the courage to stand up for what's right and make changes that are drastically needed in the prison systems. Allow these young men and woman the same human rights that all deserve, treat them with dignity and respect and a life without abuse and neglect. Besides safety which is first and

foremost, provide them with the mental health services they so desperately need including ways to release and process these stressors. Provide them with resources to better their life's (keeping them active, occupied and focused). Provide them with safe living conditions, provide them with guards/workers who do not beat, kill, sexually and mentally harass and assault them. Do not continue to allow the old boys club to push things under the rug, your silence supports this mentality. Please vote yes on a prison committee, this is long over due.



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Transparency is one of the biggest issues facing the MO DOC. We live in a country where inmates are to be treated with basic respect and dignity, regardless of the crimes they've committed. Poor treatment in prison is a criminogenic factor that contributes to recidivism, an issue that continues to ravage our communities. How can we make sure that we are living up to the values we uphold if there is no way to independently investigate grievances? If the DOC has nothing to hide, they should welcome the oversight committee. Olivia DePaul, Doctoral Student in Occupational Therapy at WUSTL



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I am in support of HB1922. As a former employee of MoDOC and a current spouse of an inmate at SCCC in Licking, I have seen firsthand the negligence, cruelty, harassment, and write ups received with no evidence to support them. My husband broke his foot last year. It was not casted, they put the wrong foot boot on it, refused to give him a wheel chair, made him stay on the top walk with crutches, and made him walk to medical daily on crutches. His foot did not heal properly due to the medical negligence, and 3 months later, after numerous calls to Jefferson City, he had to have his foot rebroken and a steel plate added. He got a staph infection in it because the nurse touched the floor before tending to his foot. He ended up in the infirmary for days on an IV. He almost died!!!! On top of that, I waited my 5 years after leaving DOC to begin visiting my husband, and was denied visits anyway. DOC says they promote building relationships, yet they deny visits, cut off the phones in mid conversation, or simply choose not turn the phones on. It's all up to the mood of the CO. My husband's mail gets lost quite often or pictures he tries to mail home mysteriously vanish. It took 6 weeks for his new glasses to be given to him from the property room because they mistakenly labeled them with another inmates name. I could go on and on, so as you can see, I am definitely in support of this bill because DOC needs to be held accountable for their lack of care and support of our family members.



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Most of the general public is not aware of the mistreatment and lack of needed, positive treatment of inmates. But many of us Are aware! A DOC Oversight Committee is a wonderful idea! And the compositon proposed by Rep. Collins is fair and just. It will certainly help assure our prisons are treating inmates humanely, which will have a positive impact on both inmates and staff. But, if for no other reason, pass this because it will lower the recidivism rate; more people will be coming out of prison ready to be upstanding, working, successful citizens, contributing to the good of the community.



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As a citizen and voter in the state of MO. My concerns for good bills being passed in support of our States needs being met is imperative. Kimberly Collins is sponsoring this bill 1922 which would not only help the system with needs being met, but the inmates that have served an adequate amount of time, along with their families. Good behavior should be supported and encouraged.



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Due to work obligations, I am unable to attend in person. I hope that you will take my written statement into consideration for passing HB 1922. This Bill is crucial to being able to pinpoint and help minimize the problems that prison institutions are currently undergoing. The issues that have been brought to my attention since my son is now a resident of the MO prison system include massive corruption amongst the prison staff, the readily availability of drugs and moonshine. My son has been threatened, possibly attacked but will not admit to it. He has seen others attacked and had a knife waved in his face. He no longer tries to speak up and does not want to get involved because he knows that his voice will be ignored and worse yet, physically "punished". When he has been vocal about being afraid for his life, he was the one punished by the system by being placed into solitary confinement for "his own protection." The person that did the threatening was ignored. It seems to me that it should have been the other way around. Extortion seems to be a major income producing strategy by the inmates. My son, which in effect was me, was extorted for protection money. I am not a wealthy man. My wife is not a wealthy woman. We are lower-middle class workers. But, because we love our son and don't want to see any harm coming to him, we had to pay to keep him safe. This was done through Cash App. We tried to report this issue, but it got us nowhere. My son is required to attend the MoSop program but was kicked out because he reported to his job, which was scheduled at the same time as his MoSop meeting. It seems like this is the type of situation that can be labeled as "damned if you do, damned if you don't". How can a prisoner prepare for the next step and to become a better person if he is being blocked at every opportunity? The only training is a hammer. There does not seem to be any guidance, support, or encouragement to do better. How can we expect our prisoners to be conforming citizens if all they learn is hate, extortion, crime, abuse, and all the other reasons why they were convicted in the first place? I am imploring you to allow HB 1922 to pass. We need to eliminate the evil that is perpetuated in our prison system. The first step is to find it and get rid of it. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.



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My name is Sarah gardner and my fiancé is Howard Frazier. He has been incarcerated for approximately 18 years. He has dealt with several issues with staff that have used derogatory language with him. The staff in Erdcc play a game called "n bingo". They use mace o make the inmates leave their cells. They then trash their cells and the inmates have to clean them up. The staff brags about this. When the assistant warden was notified of this he said his staff wouldn't do that. There is a huge shortage of staff. With having a shortage they will keep the guys locked in their cells. It takes a long time for the guys to get the medical help they need.



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In 2015, my husband and I were in Downtown St. Louis for a date. Before we could find a restaurant, we became overwhelmed with worry for a group of boys and babies sitting in a giant planter. A baby in a dirty diaper was eating dirt from the planter. They were asking for people's leftovers. We cancelled our date and went with them to a grocery store, filling our trunk with diapers and easy to eat/store food. We then drove them to the boarded up shack on a dirt road in East St. Louis where they were living. The oldest of those boys became my contact for trying to help them. He is the father of that baby and acted as the father of them all. But Mark's skill set, education, and understanding of what was going on around him was shockingly deficient. At 17, he was a people pleaser, totally innocent, grateful for anything at all, and without any resources whatsoever. Months into my attempt to connect Mark and the children in his care to resources, he was arrested. Over a year at the StL Workhouse led to a 10 yrs with no chance of parole sentence. His crime? He and another boy held up a South City man with a gun. They couldn't steal his car because they didn't know how to drive it. The got less than \$10 and the man's cell phone. When the cell phone was tracked to Mark he handed it over, then unlocked it. That crime and the recovery of the phone happened four months before my husband and I came across him and the group of hungry boys on Jefferson Ave. When Mark turned 18, many months later, police arrested him for the crime he'd committed as a minor but tried him as an adult. The prosecution in the trial used the pictures Mark had talked of himself posing with the gun they'd pointed at the man they held up. The prosecutor said these pictures were enough to prove he was a threat. The judge agreed. When the community members I'd gathered could speak, I tried to remind the judge that our culture supports white young men posing with hunting guns for portraits. He, Judge Michael Stelzer, became incensed, yelled that I had accused him of racism and that he didn't need to take that. Stelzer also threatened the equally mentally handicapped mother of Mark's baby boy with jail when she tried to speak for him, "You were over 18... that's statutory rape... I should lock you up." Mark and I can't find any of the members of the group he lived with when I met him. Not even his son. He's had a godawful young adulthood. Went into jail with no tattoos but one group claimed him with Loyalty and Royalty on his arms and he's been moved from one terrifying jail situation to another. If I put money in his account (or don't), he's endangering by men who expect a cut or all of it. He's often without toiletries, freezing in winter, in "the hole" for reasons he doesn't fully understand. He's had zero opportunity to learn anything — a work skill, literacy. No counseling for a young man who's had a lifetime of trauma. This 10 year sentence for a nonviolent crime (was the gun even loaded? I don't think the court appointed lawyer even asked) has stolen Mark's youth from him, stolen him from his son and the other children he cared for with gentle love. He is getting damaged in there, nothing good will come as a result of years moving from facility to facility where every day is frightening.



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My husband has been incarcerated for 22 years. Some of the staff at each institution he has been at are rude and abusive to the inmates. For him to get proper medical or dental care I generally have to contact medical in Jefferson City to force the staff to treat him. Staff bring in drugs and if they get caught it's brushed under the rug. Once a staff member kick my husband in his groin when he had tried to commit suicide many years ago. They show little compassion for human life. The bullies are the ones who run the show and the good staff live in fear of retaliation if they report the incident. I am a therapist and I have had some of your staff as clients who had to seek counseling to deal with the stress of their supervisors bullying them. One client quit due to the horrible treatment he witnessed from his superiors treatment of the inmates. This is unacceptable and the oversight bill needs to be passed.



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A committee for these purposes is long overdue. Please support this bill.



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I support the creation and empowerment of a MODOC oversight committee. The MoDOC website states "We value safe work environments, a capable workforce and reduced risk and recidivism." The reality is that prison employees face hostility from wardens and retribution if they speak up. That is not the supportive leadership that is reportedly valued. <https://www.riverfronttimes.com/stlouis/departments-of-retaliation-inside-missouris-prison-system/Content?oid=34159400&storyPage=2> A toxic work environment creates a toxic prison system. The Kansas City Star reported on the inhumane prison conditions and inmate treatment. <https://www.kansascity.com/latest-news/article217895100.html> As the MoDOC budget continues to increase and prison conditions decrease, we see this is not about finances. This is about accountability. I and others support a strong oversight committee that is empowered to conduct full investigations and make changes.



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I would love for the bill to get pass!!! Thank you Kim so much ????



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I am in support of this bill, I really think it would be beneficial to those who have spent so many year's behind the walls of the prison system. Most inmates have been imprisoned for so long they under that rehabilitation gave them that one chance to learn about his or her debilitating problems and has offered the chance to learn how to change their behavior and shift their path in order to become a productive member of society!



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Hello and thank you for your consideration. My brother, John Young, was convicted of Involuntary Manslaughter 5 years ago. He has consistently maintained good behavior during his incarceration. John holds a regular prison job, has participated in restorative justice programs, has attended and passed required classes, and is currently attending college classes for an Associate's Degree in business and communications. This information was provided for his first parole hearing. At the hearing, John accepted responsibility for the tragic incident that put him in prison. He acknowledged that his actions will shadow him for the rest of his life. John presented letters written by family, friends, and co-workers attesting to his character and pleading for the possibility of a second chance (John is a first time offender). However, the parole board sent John their 'standard' letter and noted his next hearing would be in 5 years. John, and the many who advocate for him, do not understand the reason for a first time offender, with good behavior, having received this letter without any follow-up, explanation, or reasoning. Our family has reached out and we, too, have been unable to get an explanation for the decision. My brother has battled cancer many times during his life. Repeated surgeries, radiation, chemotherapy and other medications have damaged his body and cause him constant pain. He lives with neuropathy in his hands and feet. He has a port in his chest from which his various treatments have been administered. This requires constant medical attention (which he is NOT currently receiving per the schedule required for keeping a port in the body). John also has other ongoing medical conditions: IBS, sleep apnea, insomnia, Barretts Esophagus, asthma, and he has recently developed urinary issues. These conditions require medical attention on a regular basis. My brother now has a sporadic limp from severe pain in his ankles which remains undiagnosed by the medical staff. We are concerned his cancer may be back, however, this has not been acknowledged, nor has it been addressed. Not knowing whether he is at risk or whether is no longer in remission is terrifying for all of us. For an inmate to live in constant fear about their health issues and ignored by prison medical staff when informed of his concerns is medically unethical and borders on inhumane. Inmates do not wish to appear weak or helpless in the eyes of the other inmates, so John would not be asking for help unless he felt it was vital and necessary to his health. During incarceration, John has witnessed horrific and violent acts on inmates and guards. But the code of silence within the system prevents inmates from speaking about such brutality. Even here, even now, this discussion becomes a risk. How do we speak of such things as he has witnessed? We do not. John's incarceration has opened our eyes to so much we didn't understand about the prison system. From the inhumane treatment of the inmates, to the ignorance of a system that ensures recidivism through its brutal and callous 'way of life', the daily conditions form a deadly downward spiral from which only the smallest minority escape. We pray every day and petition to ensure John doesn't go down this spiral. He has communicated to us how easy it is for a person to become utterly pessimistic about society from the perspective of the incarcerated. Prisoners witness and experience a much darker side of the law

through their imprisonment. John makes consistent positive effort to edify himself; he seeks to educate himself, to become a better person, and a 'model prisoner'. This is a remarkable feat in the current prison system. My family and I continue to learn about the judicial system and the parallel 'interior system' for those who are incarcerated. We understand the necessary process of the courts, yet we struggle to understand the inconsistencies in sentencing, timing, and parole hearings. Is it too much to ask for reason and clarification for the inmate and family after a parole hearing? Is it not just for the inmate and family to receive adjudication after a parole hearing?. My brother has received conflicting information on his release dates and parole possibilities. On a young resilient prisoner, this would be a daunting challenge; on my brother, with his medical complications, the stress and deterring ignorance of the abutment of hope may be a threat to his life. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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I would like to testify to the abuse to Inmate Timothy L. Ward, a prisoner housed at Potosi Correctional Center. Who had been attacked by correctional staff while performing his prayer and pepper sprayed and subsequently placed in segregation. I read part of his letter into the record of the attack and how it unfolded.



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I fully believe this Bill should be approved for the safety and security of our incarcerated loved ones. The DOC is not as transparent as they would like for the public to believe they are. This committee would make sure that the DOC is living up to the standards or protecting everyone involved. Not only the offenders, but the staff as well. This Bill, along with the other Bills that Ms. Collins has, should be taken into serious consideration. Even though these individuals are incarcerated for bad decisions, they are still human and deserve to be treated as such. They are expected to treat the correction officers and other employees with respect, that needs to be reciprocated back to them. Unfortunately those of us living this life with the offenders, know all too well that is not the case. This Bill would break the cycle and no longer allow the DOC to point the finger at the families for a lot of things. It would open the eyes of everyone to see the corruption within the DOC comes from those working on the inside. It would also give the offender and their family members a clearer picture on Parole issues; reasons for denial or set backs. I believe this committee should also contain a former incarcerated individual, male & female to speak on behalf of the incarcerated now. This has been a long time coming for a Bill/Committee like this. Change is good and the time for change is now. I have a loved one currently incarcerated and have been through a few tough times with him as far as it comes to the staffing concerns and other matters. The loss of Rec time because of staff shortages. The inability to get property in a timely manner because of staffing issues. The mailroom issues because of staffing issues. The ability of an officer wanting to free case someone because of a mutual dislike. That has been tried twice because the officer doesn't like me and she tried free casing my husband because of that. Please take this Bill into consideration. It is greatly needed. Thank you



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This Bill NEEDS to be Placed on Hold. More Thought Needs to Go Into This Bill. WE NEED Regular Citizens and NOT Elected Officials on this Oversight Commission.



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I submitted a brief online testimony yesterday because I knew that I would be making the drive to Jeff City to testify in person. I arrived today around 4:40, added my name to the family members testimonies, and secured a seat in Hearing Room 6. I stayed until approximately 8pm when I had to make the return trip home to pick up my kids and prepare for school/work in the morning. The list had gone out the window and I was not aggressive enough to force my way to the front of the room to provide my testimony. Much of what I was going to say had been covered by the people who had already testified. I would have added that my husband is so much more than his DOC number. He is a son, a brother, a stepdad, a veteran, a Christian, and a good man. He is so much more than his mistakes. While in DOC custody, he has been made to feel less than human, worthless, and not deserving of love/support. His physical and mental health needs have been ignored and when I attempt to intervene on his behalf, he is punished/retaliated against. This was most apparent last year when I contacted the warden at the facility he was at to try to get him the medical and mental health services he desperately needed and was being denied. The warden proceeded to put my husband in the hole for three months and take away his phone privileges for six months. During the 2020 covid shutdown, my husband overdosed on drugs brought into the facility and had to be taken off site to a local ICU. Not only was no one in our family notified, when I called to check on him, they laughed at me and told me that they would call me only if he stayed dead. We went 48 hours not knowing his fate. As families, we are often afraid to call to try to get our loved one help because they are retaliated against for having a pain in the butt family member. An oversight committee would provide families with an impartial, secure place to try to help our loved ones. An oversight committee should also include a mental health professional, as a good part of the prison population (including my husband) have diagnosed mental health issues that are not addressed in the current DOC system. It is shameful that we treat our prison populations worse than we treat shelter animals. If most people knew what really went on inside DOC facilities, they would join our fight. I was unaware until I was forced to live it. Being in prison, away from your family, is the punishment; being treated as inhumanely as DOC treats the men and women in their care is cruel and unusual punishment. We would condemn another country from such atrocities yet we turn the other way when it is happening in our own state. I implore you to pass this legislation and encourage all of you to do your own pop ups like Representative Collins does so that you can see for yourselves how horrific the conditions are in these facilities.



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I do not appreciate how inmates are treated by the staff. Times are very sensitive now and they deserve much more patience and respect and rights. It would be better if they had more options to communicate with loved ones and flexibility for special situations.



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I have 2 sons in prison whom have had nothing but hard times since day one. They are there for doing something wrong or being somewhere at the wrong time. Either way being incarcerated and away from family is punishment within itself. However the co's punish them as if thats there job to do so and that is wrong. I feel if they feel the need to punish inmates instead of helping them to become better than there should be a punishment for them as well for not doing there job wich is to serve and protect not act as if they are the judge because that is not what there pay check reads as there job title. There are co's that set up fights instigate them and allow them to happen. beatings, killings, and more and it needs to stop. I have called jeff city numerous times and recieved no help what so ever. nothing changes all ive ever heard is im not there so i don't know what happen and take the side of the co as if inmates have no rights and no voice, but aren't there cameras there for a reason or just for show? This statement alone could cause more problems for them just because they have a voice on the outside speaking for them. Letting gangs control the prison. How do drugs get into the prisons? Inmates have no access to the outside so can't blame them. My youngest son has been placed in harms way with less than a year to go on his time. i called left atleast 20 messages and never recieved a call back ever. It is very scary for me to think that my children are getting hurt or could be hurt. There are some inmates that have petty crimes but serving time with inmates doing life that have no regaurd for another persons life. where are the co's children when they commit a crime or the jugdes children? Ill tell you they are being protected but what makes them different? is it because there uncle, cousin, father, mother are judges, cos, cops ect... The law is suppose to try to stop the crimes but yet commit crimes on the daily behind prison walls.it is unjust and unfair. Something has got to change and i will fight till the death of me to see that change. No one man is greater than the next and not one person in this world is deemed perfect. Why are you short handed in every prison from federal to state? My thought is because the good men and women who did work refuse to work with such a bad crew. The good in them wont let them look the other way. they feel there voice wont matter either so they quit or if they try to speak up they are fired for trying protect a inmate. There's a thin line between love and hate. I have never been to prison and will never go. My life mission is to stop the cruel and unecessary treatment of these inmates they are not animals. Know that one day them cos will be judged as well as the people over this system that knowingly allow these things to happen. I want justice. I am so afraid for my boys that i will not leave my name in order to save them from more punishment through the justice system. This is worse than modern day slavery I dont know what to call it at this time. i fall to my knees and pray all the time for change.



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My name is Deylen Earl and I am writing on behalf of my chosen sister Too Sweet to give testimony in favor of HB1922 and the formation of department of corrections oversight committee. Sweet is a Black trans woman incarcerated in Potosi Correctional Center, a men's prison in Washington County. On March 16th, just a few weeks ago, two white guards beat and raped her in a brutal attack motivated by hatred of her race, gender, and sexuality. This attack came after months of harassment. The DOC's reaction to this crime has made clear the need for external oversight: • The beating and rape occurred while my sister was shackled and cuffed, and continued inside a cell away from video surveillance. • Evidence of this crime has been destroyed by the department of corrections – the hair the guards pulled out and the teeth they kicked out were thrown out. • Severe damage was done to Sweet's left eye – she still cannot see out of it. There is a DOC policy that inmates must be provided with medical care the same day that they suffer an injury – my sister did not receive any medical attention for days after the attack and she has yet to receive care for her impaired vision. • Sweet's attempts to file PREA reports went ignored until I found out what had happened and made the report weeks later. • Sweet was placed in a segregated housing unit where the guard who raped her currently works. She has asked to be moved for her safety and placed with a cell-mate to serve as a witness in case of retaliation – her request has been denied. I found out what happened to my sister weeks after the attack from another inmate and friend of hers who had just gotten out of ad-seg after his own experience of sexual assault – conveniently for the DOC, because she's in ad-seg, Sweet can't make more than one phone call every two weeks. Her friend told me that the beating Sweet received from those two guards was the worst one he'd seen in his 20 years in prison. He called me before he called his own mother. In the week and a half since I found out what was done to my sister, I have called every prison official with the power to change Sweet's situation, all the way from her case manager to Director Precythe and the wardens, and each and every one of them has refused to talk with me. I heard from a local lawyer that Representative Collins is an advocate for the incarcerated and might be able to help. She told me about this bill. So now I am here today, begging you for help. My sister is in grave danger. The DOC is operating not only outside the rule of law but also outside the bounds of human decency. There must be recourse for those suffering its abuses. Thank you.



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I would just like to say my son Christopher was in Farmington , actually went in for a diagnostics program at Bowling Green ,he was allergic to Prozac which we knew for years and it should of been in his chart , but they gave it to him anyways and he started hallucinating and was sent to there so called watch hole and basically harassed daily to just sign out of the program and after about 2 weeks of being in this medicine that's was making him crazy he did , and while still in this medicine he joined a gang called Family Values , he new and had always said never join a gang but since he was not in his right mind from being given this message he did what he always said he would never do , in the mean time I had been calling them talking to the medical department trying to tell them he was allergic to Prozac and the Syd effect he had in it and he was in 80 mg the highest dose of it, they wouldn't listen but told him instead of his year program now he would do time til 2027, so the shortly moves him to Farmington , where his life was taken June 6th 2021, he had tried to tell me what was going on in an e-mail 2 diff times which I never got and they can't seem to find , and on the phone he told me if anything happened to him to not just let it go , also they can't seem to find this phone call either, and funny his cell mate went to the hole just a couple hours before he was found dead in his cell , I know he didn't gang himself and the staff in SRU program know he didn't too, his face was bruised from being hit and his hand had a big hematoma between his thumb and forefinger and bruised clear back to his wrist trying to keep from being chokes in his left hand , but it wasn't even mentioned in the autopsy but I took pictures of it and I have them, clearly you can see it!! I can't get any records from them they refuse to release them even to my attorney , and now they are having to fight this Sunshine Law that Our govenor apparently doesn't want anymore , so I guess they don't want the families to find out what went on inside , well my son was murdered and unknown it , and God knows it , oh and might I add the guard that was covering the unit has to leave for about 20 min to take somebody's clothes to the jildingbare when my son was killed and when he came back he went to check and found my son dead , but he couldn't watch the video that I might add had static in it and he had to have counseling for my sons situation, now tell me that wasn't planned , clay went to hole , guard leaves for 20 min, Chris is found dead !!! And this guard resigned within a few weeks along with the supervisor of the SRU unit!!! They are such liars , he told me if anything happened to him, and he tried to send me emails that disappeared and my daughter and granddaughter was going for a visit the following Weekend first visit since they had opened visitation back up, these prisions are allowing the gangs to take over and the guards are involved WHO is going to stop this from happening , that was my son , who I loved , he had kids that loves him, I won't quit fighting for Justice for Chris , this is wrong , and so many other things , they moved him and the coroner didn't even see the scene why?? The sheet was cut, why??? A lot of this info I got from the investigator in side the Orion , but frim June til Jan 2022 nothing even really started in his investigation cause more important stuff kept coming up and Chris was in the back burner , after evidence was gone , he was dead how could other stuff be so much more important and I

was calling almost every week checking in, something has to change inside these prisons , why can't we have our loved ones medical records what are they hiding ??? Someone please help us our loved ones are gone and nobody cares!!!



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My grandson has been in Bonne Terre for a year this month. We got our first visit earlier this year. There has been little communication with him. He has broken a tooth and can't get it fixed. He won't ask for medical help for fear of repercussions. I am in fear of him being killed in there with the lack of staff to watch over what is going on. He is young and needs rehabilitation services. He is a human being and should be treated like one rather than just a caged animal. Everyone in there is someone's loved one yet you have no way of knowing what's happening with them if they are not allowed to communicate with family. They need incentives to do better such as being able to keep communication with family. While he is in the hole, They won't give him his school work so he can work on getting a GED. He is trying to be a better person. He has to live in fear that someone will harm him without a way to protect Himself because no one else is there protecting him. He doesn't receive all the letters his family writes him and this is the only form of communication we have with him. We know of at least 4 letters he hasn't received. This is all so frustrating for the family. We realize he is in there for a reason but he is still loved by us all and supported by us. We are the ones that have to send him money in order for him to have the necessities he needs (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc) to live. Frustrated grandmother