



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 2203</b>		DATE: <b>1/24/2024</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>A.J. HESSBURG</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am reaching out to express my endorsement of HB 2203. This legislation provides an opportunity for individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to restorative justice and personal growth to reintegrate into society. Those actively pursuing education, addressing substance use disorders, and engaging in efforts to make victims whole can reunite with their families, children, and loved ones sooner. Research indicates that children with incarcerated parents are more likely to face challenges in education, develop behavioral issues, experience housing instability, and enter the foster care system. The effects are generational, with children more likely to enter prison later in their lives if their parents are incarcerated. HB 2203 is important legislation that helps break this cycle, incentivizing people to serve their time well so that they can go home and then serve their communities. Allowing people who have served their time effectively to reconnect with their families sooner will extend positive effects beyond the individual, fostering a ripple of beneficial impacts. HB 2203 is genuinely powerful legislation that will undoubtedly benefit your constituents, and I urge you to vote in favor of it.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ABIGAIL LAWSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**I support inmates being released early on good behavior**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ADAM MERTENS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am asking you today to vote in favor of HB 2203. Rehabilitative justice is important to me, and this bill helps prisoners restore what has been lost to victims and to themselves. I hope that you all will pass this legislation so that we can help welcome people home, better than they were before. We must help people who are lost find their way back, and by encouraging people to go through substance use treatment, earn degrees, and do the work of restorative justice, we help them become better Missourians. It's important that we look out for the most vulnerable in our communities and treat others as we would like to be treated, and this bill does that. Thank you for listening, I hope you all have a wonderful rest of your day!



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WITNESS NAME: <b>AMANDA MULLINS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: <b>AMBER ALIZABETH TRAMMEL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**This would help my fiance come home and it would make my life and his life so much better just to have him home. I feel like he has done enough of his time and he knows he's done wrong. He's learned his lesson, we just want him home.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ANGELA P.</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill if passed would give so many families of incarcerated loved ones hope again, everyday is a blessing and a gift, to for them to have a way to work a program that is beneficial to them and earn even one more day closer to returning to family and friends that really gives them hope and well as the family, friends and community as a good thing and to me, would show that the Dept of Corrections is truly making steps at advocating towards rehabilitation instead of punishment. My loved one deserves that second chance, after spending decades or long periods of time incarcerated you either grow into a better person and make better choices, or don't. He's still spending the last five years of his sentence just taking up space, he's completed many programs, always has kept a job, stays to himself, helps whenever possible, and due to the nature of his crime when he was young, cannot parole until his 85%. He could be out here being a productive, tax payer and member of society, with mine and his entire families support, he could be spending his time in church or in programs giving back to the community, he's eager to do so, but instead he's in there requiring state money to keep him when he literally is in mine and so many others who are around him everyday, truly reformed. We could start a family, which may not be possible in five more years. It doesn't make sense, but to me it would be logical to reduce the 85% for the individuals who try reform and change and prove themselves over long periods. Everyday is a gift, so give them the chance to prove how they have reformed and are capable of progress and earn some of that time back. Many of us are not the same people we were twenty years ago, and are hopefully in better stages of life now. Everyone is bigger than their worst mistake.



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I support HB 2203 because a majority of people who are or have been incarcerated are less likely to reoffend when they have access to basic needs on top of resources to support them through substance use disorders and educational opportunities. Continuing to incarcerate people is not productive for anyone and finding interventions benefit those incarcerated and the public's overall safety. I am a social worker and work with a lot of people of color who have been in and out of the justice system. Please recognize the harm that putting people into or back into prison without recognizing their mental health and basic health needs first. We need to take action to prevent this continuous trauma the prison system is causing for everyone.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>BENITHA PRICE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am in support of the Good Time Credit Bill because I have several family members and friends that while doing their time have shown considerable improvement and growth by completing classes and the different programs and to what avail? They do all this to better themselves all while watching their children, nieces and nephews and siblings grow up through pictures and occasional visits sometimes even watching parents and grandparents pass away. I think this should be awarded them for their hard work and effort.





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WITNESS NAME: <b>BENJAMIN ELIJAH LAWSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**I approve of having inmates being released early for good behavior.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>BOBBY EARL LAWSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: <b>BRITTANIE MERRICK</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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Not only will it save tax payers money it would give residents credit for the time that they are "good". It's a great incentive when they have 0 motivation to keep doing the right thing. Prisons here are unsafe, for staff & residents reducing the population would be helpful for stressed, under paid correctional officers & essentially reduce the turn over rate, & it also gives the residents something to look forward to. It also will give them the skills they so desperately need to not come out & reoffend.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CHARLOTTE GUINN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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i charlotte guinn come here to support Bill 2203.this bill would help our loves one get a second chance of life.this bill would beneficial to the inmates that have gotten their GED, went to college,and complete a vocational training.we have all of male and female that could come home and live a very productive life.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CHRISTIAN BISHOP</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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Hello, I'm writing in support of HB 2203. This legislation benefits Missouri by incentivizing educational alcohol and drug treatment, and restorative justice. It's imperative that we not only have a retributive criminal justice system, but a system that is restorative, rehabilitative, and preventative in order to truly have a just Missouri. HB 2203 supports victims by encouraging people to complete one thousand hours of restorative justice. It helps people pursue higher education and alcohol and drug treatment programs, both of which we know reduce the incidence of crime. Passing this bill would make Missourians safer and our wonderful state an even better place to live. I thank you for your time and for listening to my legislation, please vote in favor of HB 2203.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CHRISTINA LYNN JOHNSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I believe the good time bill should be passed because there are so many incarcerated individuals who would really benefit from it.my fiancé being one . He has a 5 year old little boy who really needs his father while growing up.my fiancé expresses everyday that the good time credit would make his time easier.I personally feel that the incarcerated population would go down drastically if this bill was to pass!!!



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WITNESS NAME: <b>COURTNEY ROBERTS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am in support of house bill 2203 largely due to the fact that this would give our incarcerated loved ones an ounce of hope that one day there could be an opportunity for them to be released, and hopefully given a chance to lead normal lives. People do change for the better, and I believe by signing this bill into law, it would uplift the morale of individuals incarcerated in the Missouri DOC by giving them something to look forward to as well as engage in programs to help better rehabilitate them.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CURTIS WICHMER</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-635-7239</b>	
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Inmates serving a prison term should be provided quicker parole eligibility in exchange for good behavior as both a reward and incentive. Opening up such benefits retroactively to inmates who have previously participated in qualifying programs is a fitting reward for inmates who joined such programs before the parole benefits were written into law.





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WITNESS NAME: <b>DARIA KEYS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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I'm writing in support of HB 2203 sponsored by Representative Collins, which would address provisions relating to good time credit for individuals committed to the Department of Corrections. Expanding good time credits in Missouri (HB 2203) promises a ripple effect of positive change. Improved behavior within correctional facilities benefits not just incarcerated individuals and their loved ones, but also correctional officers and Missouri communities as a whole. By rewarding merit through good time credits, we create a safer prison environment and incentivize positive habits that reduce recidivism after release. HB 2203's educational opportunities, vocational training, and rehabilitation programs are crucial for reentry success and ultimately strengthen community safety for all. Thank you for your time and consideration and have a wonderful day!



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DEBORAH CURRY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**HB 2203 - Collins - GOOD TIME CREDITI support this bill because my nephew. Robert Lamberson, would have a chance at parole after serving the time for the crimes he committed.He has been a model prisoner. He took the year long course, has worked steadily for 10 years, and is a completely different person from when he went in.**



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There are offenders that have never had a write up, worked continuously while incarcerated, and completed programs that should be awarded something for their diligence. Not everyone who is incarcerated will return. Some things were just mistakes made in a split second. It is obvious there is no such thing in the DOC to help anyone for return to society, so why not allow the ones who do want to contribute to society the opportunity to do so



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Everyone deserves another chance, a chance to prove themselves. There is no way to truly get reformed while in prison. I have seen first hand what the atmosphere of prison does to inmates, its not a positive environment. If an inmate is able to stay out of trouble while behind bars that says a lot about how they will be once released.



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I have a loved one in JCCC has done 10 years already and many to go. This man has completed every single program and class available. Hes has taken complete advantage of his rehabilitation. He now teaches classes and helps other men change their life by changing their ways of thinking and in turn changes their behavior. The chance of freedom for people like my loved one who has truly changed would be a huge benefit to the system. Giving that incentive of doing the programs and classes will without a doubt change them into better people. They would no longer be just doing their time with no motivation to change. Please consider this. It would bring fathers home to to their children and husbands home to their wives . Give the good ones a chance.



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As other states have implemented a good time credit bill and has been successful in downsizing over populated correctional institutions. It is time for Missouri to step up and implement a good time credit bill as well. There are many inmates who are first time offenders who have taken every class required, they have taken extra classes, they have received college degrees, they have volunteered many hours of their time, they have been involved in programs such as restorative justice, and offenders offering alternatives. Most of these offenders that would qualify for good time credit have never been in trouble during their incarceration and often reside in the honor house. One of the individuals I am speaking of is my husband. He has completed all of his coursework that was required. He has even taken extra classes and programs. He is enrolled in college. He is a part of the offenders offering alternatives program. He is involved in the restorative justice program. He also lives in the honor house and has never been in trouble during his nine years of incarceration. This good time Bill would reduce his amount of time he has remaining and he could be released so that he could continue his education, be with his family, and be a meaningful part of his community especially from what he has learned through the programs that he has been involved in during his incarceration.



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If we want to make sure that people who are incarcerated do not become repeat offenders, it is imperative that we help them succeed in the world upon their return. The Good Time Credit bill incentivizes people to pursue high school and college degrees while incarcerated. According to the Center for American Progress, people with higher levels of education are less likely to reoffend, both keeping our communities safer and families together, and it allows individuals to be productive Missourians rather than return to prison. The study, "Does providing inmates with education improve postrelease outcomes? A meta-analysis of correctional education programs in the United States?" found that earning a degree in prison reduces recidivism by 48% on average. Lowering recidivism also saves Missourians money, as we do not have to pay to arrest, process, and incarcerate people, who are instead civilian taxpayers. The bill also incentivizes engaging in restorative justice, which helps victims and their communities, as well as alcohol and drug treatment programs. I am sure that many of you have loved ones or have yourself experienced substance use disorders and know how painful and difficult it is for those suffering and their loved ones. This bill will facilitate treatment for these devastating disorders. For people who have shown a commitment to rehabilitating and bettering themselves and are ready for reconciliation with their communities and loved ones, this legislation will be powerful and help them begin this process sooner. I urge you to vote in favor of HB 2203.



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My husband, 44 years of age, is currently 24 years in on a LWP sentence in the Missouri Department of Corrections. He has been completing college courses and has completed numerous programs and courses over the course of the years. He has family out here that wants him home. He is not being rehabilitated the longer he is there. He has done his time. And he has done many good things while he has been incarcerated. His father has died while he has been in prison and his mom's health is failing. He has a son whom he doesn't know, and a granddaughter he has not seen. He deserves to be able to get credit for things he's done in there, to be able to come home and be a productive member of society and show that he has indeed what it takes to do so. I am in **FULL SUPPORT** of this bill, not only for him but for other offenders who complete these programs, enroll in school and make such tremendous progress.





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As the largest and oldest anti-poverty non-profit in our state, Empower Missouri is committed to improving the quality of life for all Missouri residents through advocacy. Since our inception, Empower Missouri has focused on the criminal justice system and its impacts. Our Community Justice Coalition consists of community advocates and organizations from across the state who work with those who have been impacted by the criminal justice system. Many coalition members are formerly incarcerated or have currently incarcerated loved ones, and all are connected by a vision for a future without mass incarceration.

We are providing testimony today in support of HB 2203, sponsored by Representative Collins, which would address provisions relating to good time credit for individuals committed to the Department of Corrections. Good time credit is time that once earned, shall be subtracted from the incarcerated individual's minimum eligibility-for-release date. The accumulation of this credit does not require that the individual be released, as the parole board retains the discretion to determine the date of release. Specifically, this bill would award 60 days of good time credit for incarcerated individuals who successfully complete certain programs, including those who receive a high school or college diploma or vocational training certificate, complete an alcohol or drug course other than those ordered by the court or parole board, or complete 1,000 hours of restorative justice programming. This expansion of good time credits would have a positive impact on incarcerated individuals, their loved ones, the environment within correctional facilities, and ultimately Missouri communities. The availability of such credits based on the merits of a person's behavior can make the prison environment safer for other incarcerated individuals and correctional officers. Through incentivizing good behavior, rather than punishing bad behavior, good time credits help incarcerated individuals develop positive habits that will lead to reduced recidivism outcomes after their release. The programs included in HB 2203 incorporate educational opportunities, vocational training, and rehabilitation, all critical elements in preparing individuals for reentry and improving community safety for all. As an aside, in order to ensure that HB 2203 and other legislation has the intended impact of promoting program participation for incarcerated individuals (thereby reducing recidivism), the legislature may also need to consider increased resources for rehabilitative and educational programs in the Department of Corrections. We trust the legislature will consider this as part of the appropriations process. Empower Missouri urges this committee to take action to pass HB 2203 into law. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.



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I approve of inmates being released early for good behavior.



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Hello, I'm reaching out to encourage you to support HB 2203. This proposed legislation is significant as it empowers individuals who have served their time effectively to reintegrate into society sooner. Those who have demonstrated dedication, earning their first degree or going beyond for a college education, who put in the hours of restorative justice, these people who go above and beyond deserve the opportunity to reunite with their families, pursue employment, and make positive contributions to society. I appreciate you allowing me to voice my opinion, and I hope you all have a great rest of your day.



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I believe good time credit is a wonderful idea- being in prison away from family and friends is very depressing and so hard to deal with. Having classes available teaching different life skills and how to be healthier and how to deal with the traumas in life will make better more balanced citizens. Being locked up with nothing to do is the worst - please pass this bill- help people learn how to help themselves.



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I have appeared frequently before House or Senate committees representing a variety of community-spirited not-for-profits (as well as serving in the MO House from 2005-12). Today I come to you through written testimony instead as an individual with loved ones who are incarcerated by the MO Dept of Corrections. Many people who are incarcerated have lived lives of great trauma and suffering, and they have a shortage of hope. Good time credit offers a glimmer of hope for some and also offers a list of possibilities that are investments in a brighter future. Gaining an education or participating in restorative justice activities help change a person for the good. Both also can help repair damage that has been done. Subtracting time from a sentence for completion of these activities offers an incentive that may get some to think about the future in a new way. I have visited with prisoners who saw good time credit as a very positive change that they asked me to support. I bring their voices to you as well as my own in submitting this testimony online.



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I am writing this in behalf of all the men/ women who are currently incarcerated within the Missouri department of Corrections. My husband has been incarcerated for almost ,4 years now, he has missed the birth of our daughter to whom at which he finally got to meet for the first time in September of 2023 ( she was born in 2020). I am unsure if this bill will help my husband come home and sooner but I know it can help many other men and women get back to their families sooner. the Missouri Department of Corrections is overpopulated, and within some prisons they are even understaffed. I believe by reducing the amount of time a person has to serve will greatly elevate some of that stress on staff members, families and the inmates as well. When you have overpopulated prisons tensions are high for everyone involved which can create a more hostile environment. Families would be less stressed because they aren't having to carry sometimes the financial burden of being a single income household ( which I am, even though we are together I am considered a single mother of 3 children). There is also the burden of the additional members of the families mothers,fathers, siblings, aunts, uncles cousins, nieces and nephews who all try to help out their fellow inmate within the system just try to survive to make life as normal as possible. Lastly, the inmate him/herself would be less stressed as they are home surrounded by family and friends, depending on what facility an inmate is at the environment can be a steady hostile environment to be in and that can stress anyone out beyond any belief. I believe this bill would be able to help the turnout within the system. I appreciate you ( the committee) taking your time in reading my testimony.



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**I feel every one that makes the effort to better themselves and want to change should get rewarded with good time**





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Hello, I hope y'all are having a good day. My name is Kaitlyn Smith, and I am writing to strongly encourage you to support HB 2203. This crucial legislation aims to facilitate the timely reintegration of individuals who have served their sentences effectively, allowing them to take the lessons they have learned during their incarceration to heart and rejoin society. I believe it is better for someone who has overcome significant challenges, earned their high school or associates degree while in prison, demonstrated remorse, and committed to a thousand hours of restorative justice—a commendable achievement—to have the opportunity to reunite with their families, pursue employment, and make positive contributions to society, rather than remain confined. We want to encourage people who have caused harm to see their wrongs and learn from their mistakes so they can commit to being better, and HB 2203 does just that. Thank you for considering my testimony, and I sincerely hope for your backing of this important legislation.



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I truly believe this should pass the inmates need incentive to work to go to school, giving them something to do to take time off of their time would benefit them. We don't realize what it's like on the other side of that fence. I believe the men and women deserve a chance to do good things for themselves. My husband has worked in maintenance at his camp for 3 years the ones that work keep the places going they save the camp alot of money not having to hire outside help to do the jobs they do. Missouri is the only hear state state left in the US I believe there are alot of innocent men and women in Missouri prison system.



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Testimony to the Missouri House of Representatives, Corrections and Public Institutions Committee Chairperson Rudy Veit and Esteemed Members of the Committee, My name is Kenya Brumfield-Young, MLS, MSCJ. I am an Assistant Criminology and Criminal Justice Professor at St. Louis University, located at 3550 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, Missouri, 63103. I am here today to provide testimony on the proposed legislation sponsored by Representative Kimberly Ann Collins, which seeks to modify provisions authorizing offenders committed to the Department of Corrections to receive good time credit. Before proceeding, I must clarify that the views and opinions I express today are solely my own and do not reflect those of St. Louis University, its subsidiaries, donors, or any individuals affiliated with the university. The proposed bill presents a nuanced approach to corrections that integrates rehabilitation with incentives for incarcerated individuals to participate in transformative programs through the accumulation of good time credit. This initiative is grounded in evidence-based practices that have shown significant positive impacts on reducing recidivism and, consequently, on the financial burden of incarceration on state resources. Educational and vocational training programs within correctional facilities have been shown to significantly reduce recidivism rates. According to a study by the Rand Corporation, inmates who engage in educational programs are up to 43% less likely to reoffend. To contextualize, with Missouri's average daily population of approximately 26,000 inmates in 2023, a 43% reduction in recidivism could potentially impact around 11,180 individuals, leading to a decrease in the prison population and associated costs. The financial implications are considerable. The annual cost of incarcerating one individual in Missouri is approximately \$22,350. A reduction in recidivism, even by a modest 10%, could result in annual savings of over \$24 million. These funds could be redirected towards enhancing public safety, educational initiatives, and further rehabilitation programs that benefit individuals and the broader community. Moreover, the bill's emphasis on restorative justice and substance abuse treatment programs aligns with a holistic approach to rehabilitation, addressing the underlying causes of criminal behavior and paving the way for meaningful societal reintegration. The provision for a 60-day credit for successful completion of such programs not only incentivizes participation but also reinforces the value of personal growth and accountability. The structured loss of credit for conduct violations within the bill ensures that the system remains fair and focused on rewarding genuine efforts towards rehabilitation. This balanced approach ensures that the safety and well-being of the community remain a priority while offering a path to redemption for those committed to change. In conclusion, the proposed legislation offers a multifaceted approach to corrections that benefits individuals, the state, and the community at large. It encourages rehabilitation, reduces recidivism, and presents significant potential for cost savings, which can be reinvested in further strengthening our communities. I strongly advocate for the committee's support of this bill, recognizing its capacity to transform lives and contribute to a safer, more just society. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Kenya Brumfield-Young, MLS,

**MSCJAssistant Professor of Criminology and Criminal JusticeSt. Louis University**



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**I support Rep Collins House Bill 2203!**



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I have family locked up in Missouri. They have been nothing but model inmates, stayed on honor status the entire time, have jobs, and gotten their GEDs. My husband is currently enrolled in the college classes and he's also the lead at his job, that he's had the entire time he's been in there. There are some good guys in there that just have gotten a bad rap. I honestly feel the ones who have done nothing but good since being in there should be let out early for their behavior. I think they would benefit the public better by getting jobs on the outside. They could contribute to taxes instead of taxes being used on them. Most of the guys that would qualify for this actually want to help their neighborhood and become mentors for troubled youth, so they don't go down the same path.



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I hereby submit my strong support for the passage of House Bill 2203 pursuant to the following reasons stated:1) Overcrowding of Missouri PrisonsHB 2203 provides an offender the opportunity to receive Good Time Credit towards their release date pursuant to the stipulations as stated. Which lessens the time spent in prison and reduces the number of prisoners incarcerated to a more manageable number for the prison cost and personnel.2) Rehabilitation vs Warehousing OffendersIt is proven to rehabilitate a person is far more productive for our society. Less strain on the Prison systems. Address the areas of needs through rehabilitation instead of warehousing that gives no hope for a better life. Give a family back a person they love with a future.3) Taxpayers DollarsThe cost to warehouse an offender for extended periods is more expensive than paying for a person to be rehabilitated. This cost is considering the recidivism of an offender. Let us save money and return offenders to society as a productive member who pays their own way.House Bill 2203 is a very important part to bring laws that properly address our prisons, offenders and costs.Thank you for your time and consideration.Linda Pieper



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In some cases, some recognize their mistakes and deserve another chance. If given the opportunity, can become a law abiding citizen.



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I am writing to express my strong support for Missouri House Bill 2203, which introduces Good Time Credit. This bill is a crucial step towards promoting positive behavior among incarcerated individuals, encouraging rehabilitation, and addressing prison overcrowding. My brother Jacob Bolin is an incarcerated inmate who has committed his time in prison to bettering himself through many programs. He has even earned an associates degree while incarcerated and is currently working towards his bachelors degree. He has been a model inmate, even though his sentencing was extremely harsh and I (along with many others in my hometown community) firmly believe was unfair, Jacob did not let that dissuade him from bettering himself while incarcerated. He is a fine example of someone who the good time credit will impact greatly. As someone with a brother who could benefit from this legislation, I understand the importance of providing opportunities for rehabilitation and rewards for taking advantage of those opportunities. I urge you to consider the personal stories of individuals like my brother and the positive impact House Bill 2203 can have on their lives. Supporting this bill not only promotes rehabilitation but also creates a fairer society for all.



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**It's well known across all age groups that incentives, not punishment, help change attitudes and habits. Implementation of this bill would provide motivation and some degree of hope to individuals, it may change others who witness positive results, and it can help prepare people for eventual reentry.**



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Hello, thank you for listening to my testimony. I am writing in support of HB 2203. I am a mother, and there is nothing more important to me than my daughters' safety. House bill 2203 will make Missouri a safer place for us to live by making sure that people who commit a crime have the tools to re-enter society successfully. We know that people who engage in restorative justice have a deeper appreciation for the harm they have caused and are less likely to reoffend when they come home. We also know that those who are able to get degrees while incarcerated are much less likely to reoffend and much more likely to be able to hold steady jobs, earn higher income, and be productive members of their communities. I know how much my family means to me, and I want to be sure that people are able to reunite with their families when they've worked hard to make amends for the things that they have done. Mercy is an important part of our justice system, and HB 2203 helps protect this. Please support HB 2203.



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HB 2203 - Good Time Credit is about giving credit for doing what is expected of you while in prison. It is about using restorative justice and taking advantage of the opportunities to learn from your mistakes and improve yourself for when you are released. Let me introduce you to Jacob who is a first-time offender given the maximum of 15 years for a decision he made at 24 years of age. Jacob made a promise to himself and to God that he would use his time to become a better person. In the 7 years he has spent in prison, he has received 1 minor write-up for being "out of bounds" and 1 for having a tray in his cell that had been left by the previous occupant. Two minor write-ups in 7 years are viewed as a rarity. Jacob has taken advantage of every opportunity to better himself while in prison by has participating in the programs offered while even facilitating several during his time. He has continuously held a full-time job working in various roles while attending programs and taking online courses for his degree. His biggest accomplishment to date has been completing his Associates in Christian Ministry and continuing to work towards his bachelor's degree through an online, accredited university. He has been asked to speak to both small and large groups sharing his story as well as preaching during the services when the ministers cannot attend (for example Christmas Eve Service). Jacob's dream for the future is to help other young men, so they do not find themselves in a similar situation. Did prison make Jacob a better person than the one that entered? The answer is yes because he has grown up, done the work to become a better person and taken advantage of the programs offered. Will serving all 15 years make him a better person? The answer is no! Jacob will continue to do what is right because it is the right choice not because he has served his maximum of 15 years on a first-time offense. The data shows a Missouri prisoner costs approximately \$32,000/yearly. A full 15-year sentence will cost the state of Missouri \$480,000 which is a true financial burden when resources are needed elsewhere. My son has been making all the right choices long before the Good Time Credit was even a thought. There are so many incarcerated individuals just like Jacob, making the right choice, taking advantage of resources, and serving their time while planning for a brighter future for themselves. They have home plans and family support already in place and jobs waiting for them when they are released no matter how much longer they serve. This bill would prove that making a mistake can be overcome while encouraging others to better themselves in programs that will positively impact their lives forever. If we want prison to be a true restorative justice system, then HB 2203 - Good Time Credit should be passed in 2024.





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**inmates are humans too, they reserve the right to better themselves and strive for goals. there are only positive things that can come from this bill passing.**



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I approve of inmates being released early for good behavior.



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Hello, I have been married to my husband for 10 years who is currently incarcerated within the Missouri Department of Corrections. I am a firm believer in "anyone can change" and aside from some negative thoughts about the DOC. i know based off experience that if these men/women want to succeed make a change in their lives and in the lives of others that they have all the tools to do so. They just need to want it! That being said I believe this bill is amazing for those individuals who work their hardest and EARN the time of "good time" to be released earlier to their families. This bill will allow those individuals to strive even harder at completing programs and staying out of trouble. I believe this will be the light at the end of the tunnel for many residents in the DOC. I FULLY support this bill.



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**I am in support of the bill everyone needs a chance to get out and show society that they can do better and make better choices in life.**



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As a formerly incarcerated citizen, I Pastor Richard Jackson know first hand, how this bill will assist in supporting those persons, who need this incentive to keep going forward. Just knowing their sentence will be reduce base upon this HB 2203 is enough for persons to have hope, To know their lives are about to change, especially those over 60 years of age. No one wants to die in prisons and this bill will increase their hopes. Make those photos of the grand children come alive. The data shows persons over 60 years of age, who are returning citizens, seldom recid. Normally, I would be presence but seniors citizen in St. Louis, MO have been misplaced and need immediate support. Again, I ask you to pass this bill for the sake of humanity, common decency and for the love of their families, who too have suffered greatly, I thank you all for your time and listening ear, God bless you and your family! Its never a wrong time, to do the right thing. MLK



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In strong support of this bill passing. Will effect every graduate in an education program I run in facilities across the state of Missouri. Our program has 155 graduates from adult male facilities, this program will effect all of them still remaining in prison. if this bill passes, we can easily work with each of them / the Department of Corrections to assist in the job placement of these returning citizens to become tax payers.



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Yes I would like for my fiance be considered for the Good time bill.He hasn't gotten in trouble while in prison he wants to do better.He hasn't murdered or rape or abused anyone at all not even when he was on the outside.I mean look at Gypsy Rose what she done and she got released early.She helped murder her mom to me she could have ran away g o to the police or shelter.Anyways my fiance won't be where he done the crime.He wants a fresh new start no drugs he said drugs got him in prison.Please consider him for the bill .



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I support the passage of this bill. It's passage will be a reflection of the State prison system's established intention to rehabilitate the offender. It will also be motivation for the offender to be focused on being an honorable and productive citizen once back in society. If passed, I encourage the credit be applied first to inmates sentenced several years ago and then work up to the more recent offenders.



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**This bill will further incentivize and reward education, training, substance abuse recovery, and over all good behavior; and thus likely decrease recidivism.**



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I strongly support Missouri House Bill 2203, particularly considering its potential impact on individuals like my brother in law, who may meet the Good Time Credit requirements. This bill is crucial for encouraging positive behavior among incarcerated individuals and addressing prison overcrowding. Good Time Credit fosters a culture of accountability and offers an opportunity for rehabilitation. Supporting this bill is not just about policy; it's about recognizing and nurturing the potential for redemption and rehabilitation. I believe that by endorsing House Bill 2203, we contribute to a more compassionate and equitable criminal justice system.



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I know these people are in prison for a reason. However not everyone is a repeat offender. Not everyone who goes to prison is a bad person. I feel like there are many inmates who have spent years locked up and have not been in trouble or been written up or gotten in any fights. Those are model prisoners. Those who show they can follow rules inside should be allowed the good time credit. I personally have a loved one who is locked up. The entire time he's been locked up he has never been in the hole or gotten in any kind of trouble. He has loved ones outside who will help and support him to continue being a stand up member of society. I feel these model inmates should not be discriminated against because of a crime they committed earlier in their life. Please let this bill pass.



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A lot of them want to make changes and it's hard to do that. My fiancée is incarcerated and has been in and out for 20 years. He's never had anyone fully stand by him and now that he does he's doing better. His past incarcerations he spent a big part of his time in the hole. Now that he has someone on. The outside that cares it gives them reason to keep they heads up and on straight. He's spent 10 days In. The joke in over a year and that was only due to someone coming up and hitting him. They don't wanna do good if they don't see reward for it. That human nature.



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