

Resolution Against Prison Privatization



WHEREAS, some lawmakers and public policy makers are jeopardizing the safety and security of the public and the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction employees by supporting initiatives that would privatize Ohio's state prisons; and

WHEREAS, for-profit private prisons are notorious for cutting corners on staffing ratio, wages and employee training; and

WHEREAS, low wages in private prisons have led to higher turnover than those operated by government entities; and

WHEREAS, the safety and security of our communities depends on a prison system that is stable, well-run, and staffed with long-term employees who are well-trained, dedicated and have a stake in our communities; and

WHEREAS, it is well-documented that the two private prisons in Ohio engage in the business of "creaming" or "cherry-picking" inmates to keep their costs low; and

WHEREAS, little to no savings has been realized by the operation of the two private prisons Ohio already has; and

WHEREAS, such legislation would eliminate hundreds of trained and seasoned corrections officers within Ohio's prison system.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, in the interest of the safety and security of our communities, we are opposed to prison privatization and will not support any efforts to increase the number of private prisons in Ohio.