

Honorable Senate and Congressional members,
My name is Greg Peters. I am a retired 1st Sgt. correctional officer. I worked as a cell house officer at Lansing Correctional Facility (LCF) for 20 years. Also I worked for the MO DOC for 7 years. The issues I am going to speak on is the lack of Safety, Security and Control at LCF. I started taking note of the following issues after listening to current officers working at LCF. I contacted Rep. Dr. Eplee on 2/24/21 and continued giving him updated information to date. Sept, 2nd Rep. Dr. Eplee told me he had lengthy discussions with KDOC oversight committee he stated the results were not good. He said he got a totally different narrative from Jeff Zmuda and his folks. The date I sent Rep. Eplee about battery of staff, numerous fights among inmates, 12 hr shift problems, and number of staff leaving. 2/24/21 3/13, 3/15, 3/30, 6/24, 7/5, 9/15, 9/26. I sent other representatives and the governor emails with the same concerns. The governor was sent emails 7/28, 8/14 and every week since to date. Received no answers. Act & Deputy of corrections Joel Grabe called me and we discussed issues to include staff shortage and he informed me that LCF was at staff capacity. I disagreed. He told me he would personally go to LCF and speak to the line staff. He said give him a week,

He stated he would text or call me. I have dates of shift shortage and this is after at least 77 short of full rosters.

9/30/21	under 17 am shift	no pm shift log
10/1	under 18 am	10/1 under 15 pm
10/2	" 18 am	10/2 " 19 pm
10/3	" 14 am	10/3 " 16 pm
10/4	" 11 am	10/4 " 9 pm
10/5	no log for am	10/5 " 5 pm
10/6	" 14 am	10/6 " 8 pm
10/7	" 17 am	10/7 " 11 pm
10/8	" 10 am	10/8 " 15 pm
10/9	" no log	10/9 " 14 pm
10/10	" 23 am	10/10 " 12 pm
10/11	" 13 am	10/11 " 11 pm
10/12	" 12 am	10/12 " 15 pm
10/13	" 9 am	10/13 " 17 pm
10/14	" 12 am	10/14 " 20 pm
10/15	" 15 am	10/15 " 23 pm
10/17	" 27 am	

Only 1 officer in units 10/16-10/17 including segregation units. All A units are maximum security. All against policy and procedure. If an officer gets pulled into a room they can't get out until someone knows they are missing and unlocks the door from the outside. Think about how you would feel if that's your son, daughter, girl friend wife, mother, father etc. Stripped of their radio beaten, raped, killed and there is no one to help.

How would you feel? The facility is not on lock down, even with only 1 officer per pod. This is unsafe and against policy yet it has been happening. That is that shortage of officers, concern staff. It should concern LCF administration, it should concern Mr. Zmuda, Mr. Grabe, and it should concern the governor and all of you. I bring up inmate issues. Inmates like routine. There are not enough jobs, programs, education opportunities. The yard has no shade or shelter. No ballfield. The ice machines in pods are too small. Not enough sheets and blankets. So the inmates are bored and they act out. They wear each others clothes and don't have their I.D.'s so officers have a hard time identifying them. They question officers orders. They invade officers personal space. DWO Skidmore and Major Ball cower to inmates wishes. Don't support their officers. One Unit Team Ms. Oplinger has her own personal porter whom she allows to read her emails, and has access to sensitive paperwork in that it's Alpha, Tier rosters that show who is a sexual predator. This information gets sold for extortion purposes. This should it be allowed. Yet administration knows about this and does nothing about it. Yet they are quick to take an inmates word and go after officers who do their job, and go by policy and procedure.

Medical is another issue. Nurses are quitting. So not enough medical help. Inmates dying should be afforded hospice care as in the past. There are no clothes for these inmates nor sheets and blankets. Not enough staff to help out with showers with segregation status inmates in the infirmary. I have only been able to bring forth a fraction of the issues plaguing LCF. I can suggest that they put the facility on lockdown til the staff numbers build up but with the number of staff leaving at an alarming rate I do not foresee how long that could last. I can also suggest bringing in the national guard til numbers rise. I can also suggest that administration get rid of or rethink 12 hour shifts. I hope I gave you enough facts and information that you can understand the seriousness of the situation. In my time I have found the DOC is always reactive to situations not proactive. Thank you for your time and consideration towards positive changes.