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Release Old Law Prisoners to Ease Overcrowding In Wisconsin Prisons

The biggest problem in Wisconsin prisons is the extreme overcrowding which forces hundreds of prisoners to be crowded together where COVID-19 can be quickly and easily transmitted. We need Governor Evers and Parole Chairman Jon Tate to release all the old law prisoners who have shown by their conduct and achievements since coming to prison that they can be safely returned to society.

These prisoners are all old and many of them have health problems. They will be the first to die when COVID-19 comes to the prisons.

I'd like to suggest a phone call campaign to Governor Evers and Chairman Tate. Watching Governor Evers on TV today it looks like he has finally realized the seriousness of the pandemic.

Demand action - an immediate review of all old law prisoners and release within 30 days if they are not a demonstrable risk. If they refuse to act, insist on a valid reason. Go to the news media, try PBS Here and Now, or WPR Kate Archer Kent's morning radio show.

Governor Tony Evers (608)266-1212

Chairman Jon Tate (608)240-7280

A massive phone call campaign can make a difference and save many lives which will be lost if COVID-19 gets into the prison system.