



Hi **Representative/Senator [Last Name]**,

I am calling as a concerned **[parent / grandparent / community member / faith leader]** to urge your support in restoring Section 801 to the Michigan Department of Corrections budget.

Mama's Mobile Milk—which ensures breast milk reaches infants separated from their mothers due to incarceration, foster care, or hospitalization— is a critical program that protects Michigan's most vulnerable babies.

When the Michigan House of Representatives struck boilerplate funding language from the Michigan Department of Corrections budget, they also removed Section 801, the line that secures funding for Mama's Mobile Milk to serve infants whose mothers are in prison. If this section is not restored, this life-affirming program could disappear, leaving already high-risk babies in even more danger.

Mama's Mobile Milk matters because when a mother is separated from her infant due to incarceration her child loses more than daily contact. They lose vital nutrition and the unique immunity that comes from being nourished by their own mother's milk. Babies whose mothers are incarcerated are already at much higher risk for infant mortality. Their mother's milk is life-saving medicine. Mama's Mobile Milk restores the baby's access to human milk by safely transporting expressed milk from incarcerated mothers to their infants, often cared for by grandparents or other family members.

My request is simple: please support re-inserting Section 801 into the MDOC budget. Restoring this section does NOT create new spending. It simply ensures that already existing, approved, and appropriated funds are used for their intended purpose: saving the lives of Michigan babies through Mama's Mobile Milk. Since its official launch in early 2025, the program has been supporting mothers at Huron Valley Correctional Facility, delivering breast milk to infants living with relatives in Across Michigan. It is inhumane to remove access to this program for already at-risk babies.

This appropriation is not only socially responsible, it's fiscally responsible too. The Legislature has already appropriated \$500,000 in recurring funds for this program, with a clear reporting structure and oversight built into Section 801. By supporting infants with their mothers' milk, we reduce long-term health costs associated with infant illness, obesity, and developmental delays. Programs that keep mothers engaged with their children help reduce recidivism into the prison system - something we all agree is good for Michigan.

Can I count on you to ensure Mama's Mobile Milk continues providing life-saving milk to babies of incarcerated mothers by restoring Section 801 to the Michigan Department of Corrections budget?