

BEGIN SCRIPT:

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ Parish.

**(Then you can say a shortened and/or personalized version of this paragraph):**

I am calling on Gov. Edwards to act immediately to protect the lives of the people impacted by prisons in Louisiana. The spread of COVID-19 is a national emergency that threatens thousands of lives across our country. According to the latest estimates, the death toll from this virus could range anywhere from 200,000 to more than one million people in the United States alone. As you are well aware, Louisiana has the fastest growth rate of COVID-19 cases in the world. Louisiana also once again has the nation's highest imprisonment rate. While everyone is at risk, we have a moral obligation to ensure that our most vulnerable—the elderly, the sick, those without medical care, and those unable to protect themselves from the virus—get the help they need.

**Please act on our demands immediately which are to:**

- 1) Grant 180-days Good Time to allow everyone within 6 months of going home to get home;
- 2) Issue medical parole for everyone with respiratory conditions, anyone who is immunocompromised, and anyone over 60 years old;
- 3) Provide masks and gloves to all staff and incarcerated people who remain; and
- 4) Create a jail and prison COVID-19 oversight commission under the Office of Public Health and CDC, with the power to interview sick people, enforce basic medical standards, and ensure families have a right to know about the health of their loved ones.

**Seven incarcerated people and three prison staff have already died as of April 23. Act now or you'll have more blood on your hands.**

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