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Statement from Safe & Just Michigan Policy Advocacy Manager Jazmine Wells on the Michigan Senate voting to move SB 599 to the House:

“Safe & Just Michigan thanks the Michigan Senate for moving Senate Bill 599 forward. SB 599 is a technical fix to the 2019 Medically Frail Parole statute that will enable the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) to parole medically frail people to facilities better suited for their needs — saving the MDOC millions of dollars and shifting the cost of care for medically frail individuals from Michigan’s General Fund to Medicaid.

“Prisons are not designed to provide medical care for medically vulnerable people. Placing medically frail people into more appropriate care settings will help alleviate health care staffing concerns, free up resources to invest in better outcomes for the rest of the prison population, and ensure that medically frail people receive the most appropriate care. We urge the House to take quick action on SB 599 and send it to the governor for signing.”

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