

## Charlie Wishman

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**From:** AFSCME Iowa Council 61 [cwishman@afscmeiowa.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2010 1:42 PM  
**To:** Charlie Wishman  
**Subject:** Stop Private Prisons in Iowa

Dear Charlie Wishman,

This legislative session we've seen endless attacks on public employees. The latest is [HF2159](#), which has been introduced and would repeal Iowa's ban on private prisons. Not only would this hurt federal, city, county, and state workers' jobs at risk, private prisons often lead to terrible living conditions and unthinkable abuse to inmates residing at these facilities. The employees at Iowa's prisons are professionals who work hard to keep Iowa safe and treat their jobs with professionalism.

HF 2159 has been introduced by State Representative Erick Helland (R-Grimes). Rep. Helland comes from a district that was previously represented by the co-sponsor of the private prison ban law, Rep. Walt Tomenga (R).

Send an email right now to [erik.helland@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:erik.helland@legis.state.ia.us) and let him know that we've outlawed private prisons in Iowa for a reason, and they should stay that way.

To learn more from AFSCME about what a terrible idea privatizing our prisons are, please go to [AFSCME's website](#) to find out more.

Thanks for taking action!

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