



## THANKS FOR STEPPING UP TO FIGHT S.B. 909!

Members, thank you for contacting your senators on S.B. 909. Keep it up!

Remember, this bill would arbitrarily cap the state prison population at 38,000. That means about 6,000 inmates would be sent to private prisons, jails or be released.

Many members have shared with MCO the letters and emails they sent to their senator and responses they received. This helped us to continue

to gauge how senators would vote and strategize to kill this bill.

Continue to call, send letters and email your senators. Calls and letters carry more sway with legislators, even if you have to leave a message. But if you would like to send an email, go to [mco-seiu.org](http://mco-seiu.org) to quickly find and email your senator.

Thank you for your astounding support!

## STATE REVERSES RESTRICTION ON 401(k) LOANS

State employees in the defined contribution plan are once again allowed to take out loans against the employer's contributions to their 401(k).

As MCO reported last month, the state decided employees could take out loans only against money they contributed to a 40k(k). The change went into effect March 15, and unions were not given any notice.

After receiving a call from a

member last week, MCO confirmed the state is again letting employees take out loans against the employer's contributions as well. We don't know why the state reversed itself.

The number of loans an employee may have against their 401(k) will change, ORS has said. Beginning Jan. 1, 2015, only one loan may be outstanding at any given time.

For more information, contact ORS at (800) 381-5111.

## ESCAPE ATTEMPT AT MTU

A PSV officer stopped a possible escape attempt Wednesday at MTU.

The prisoner climbed to the top of the interior fence behind the A unit, officers said. It was about 9:15 a.m., and he was supposed to be on small yard near the unit. He was at the top of the fence when an officer making a round spotted him and ordered him down. The startled inmate let go and fell back inside the fence. He got up and started to run, but officers caught him.

The prisoner, who had just transferred from WCC to MTU Tuesday, was shipped out. **Good work, officers.**

## IN MEMORIAM: CHAD CHARLES



An ERT member passed away after collapsing during a training exercise.

Chad Charles, 42, died Wednesday. He worked at MCF.

Charles was clearing a building when he collapsed. ERT members tried to resuscitate him. They did everything they could until paramedics came to the scene.

Visitation will be 1 p.m.-3 p.m. June 4 at the Luther Lions Club in Luther, MI. A memorial service will follow at 3 p.m. His ashes will be scattered after the service.

Flowers may be sent to Pruitt Livingston Funeral Home, 225 W. Upton Ave., Reed City, MI 49677.

## MEMBER-OWNED HOCKEY LEAGUE HOLDS TRYOUTS

The new Ironwood Fighting Yoopers Junior Hockey Team, which is owned by an MCO member, will hold tryouts next month.

Hockey players ages 16-20 may try out June 28-29 at the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center in Ironwood. The try out fee is \$125, and contenders must bring their own equipment (jerseys are provided). Interested players should sign up at [yooperhockey.com](http://yooperhockey.com).

The Ironwood Fighting Yoopers is part of the Minnesota Junior Hockey League.

Scott Kellet, a member at OCF, owns the league. Kellett has 22 years of experience as a hockey coach. He started the Fighting Yoopers to prepare young people for college teams.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE!

Don't forget: MCO scholarship applications must be postmarked June 2!

The postmark deadline is usually June 1, but MCO has extended the deadline one day because June 1 is a Sunday.

More details and applications are online at [mco-seiu.org](http://mco-seiu.org).

## SPRING MCO REPORT ONLINE

The Spring MCO Report is available now at [mco-seiu.org/publications/mco-report](http://mco-seiu.org/publications/mco-report).

It highlights officers' volunteer work, corrections careers in other states, the executive board's efforts to build a better union, and SEIU's efforts to help MCO manage the fall-out of the ICF escape.

