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GOV. SNYDER: ARAMARK IS HERE TO STAY *MCO SAYS \$200,000 FINE IS JUST A SLAP ON THE WRIST*

The governor's decision to keep the Aramark prison food service contract and to move ahead with substandard service is an outrageous mistake.

"MCO is very disappointed, and we are concerned problems with the private vendor will remain," MCO Executive Director Mel Grieshaber said.

Prison kitchens have been plagued with food shortages, unauthorized substitutions and sanitation issues. Corrections officers have had to manage a variety of security threats, including overfamiliarity and sexual contact between Aramark workers and inmates, the introduction of contraband and prisoner demonstrations and unrest. To date, nearly 100 Aramark employees have been fired – approximately one-third of its workforce.

"To impose a \$200,000 fine on the company is simply a slap on the wrist within the context of a \$145 million contract," Grieshaber said.

It appears the governor and certain legislators refuse to take an objective approach in dealing with this contract.

MCO will continue to talk to its members and push the state to find safe solutions to save money – not ones that put officers and inmates at risk.

Officers, please continue to update your supervisors and MCO on issues you observe in prison kitchens.

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