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**SEIU Michigan Applauds Governor Whitmer's Executive Order,  
Ensuring Protections For All Essential Workers Under the Workers'  
Disability Compensation Act**

Statement from Andy Potter, President of SEIU Michigan:

Throughout the COVID-19 crisis SEIU Michigan members have been on the frontlines keeping our communities safe while risking their lives, as well as the health of their families. The Governor's clarification today, ensuring that all workers, including corrections officers are protected and provided for is a necessary recognition of their sacrifices.

It's essential that all workers, including corrections officers, have the protections under Michigan's Workers' Disability Compensation Act to ensure that should they contract COVID-19 they are able to get the care they need, isolate for public health, and be compensated. Today's clarification, makes it clear that corrections officers who have faced unprecedented exposure to COVID-19 every single day while doing their job, keeping our communities safe, have those well earned protections.