



CIC | District of Columbia Corrections Information Council

April 30, 2020

Mr. Michael Carvajal
Director
Federal Bureau of Prisons
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Dear Director Carvajal,

On April 7, 2020, the Council of the District of Columbia passed the COVID-19 Response Supplemental Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 (Bill 23-0733 or Act 23-0286). The bill was signed by Mayor Bowser on April 10, 2020. Section 305 of the Act amended good time credits for those sentenced under the DC Code, removing distinctions between a number of previously existing categories for the purposes of good time calculation. The Act provides that anyone sentenced before August 4, 2000 is now eligible to be retroactively awarded good time credit for up to 54 days per year.

The Corrections Information Council is eager to understand how the Bureau of Prisons is working to implement this new legislation with respect to DC Code Offenders in its custody. In particular we would like to know whether good time adjustments are being processed by the Designation and Sentence Computation Center, by facility case managers, or by some other entity, as well as what guidance has been provided to implement the adjustments.

The CIC would also like to know how the BOP is determining eligibility for good time credit for past years. Under the Act, good time credit shall be awarded subject to a BOP determination that the individual has displayed compliance with institutional disciplinary regulations as well as satisfactory progress in education. In light of the fact that most of the individuals impacted under this section have been incarcerated for over twenty years, how is the BOP determining compliance for years so long in the past?

We appreciate your attention to this matter, and any information you can provide.

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Dear Director Isaac:

I am in receipt of your letter dated, April 30, 2020, wherein you inquire about the Bureau's implementation to the COVID-19 Response Supplemental Emergency Act of 2020.

The Designation and Sentence Computation Center (DSCC) began reviewing the sentence computations of inmates impacted by the April 21, 2020, temporary emergency legislation. As a result, some inmates immediately received the Good Conduct Time (GCT) afforded by the legislation and had their sentences adjusted accordingly, which in some cases resulted in immediate release. However, for inmates with parole effective dates, their release dates were not impacted.

For parole eligible inmates, now earning GCT, the DSCC is manually re-calculating their sentences and providing updated computations to the United States Parole Commission. DSCC will apply the GCT to inmates with DC mandatory minimum sentences. As earning GCT was not available to these inmates, the disallowance of GCT sanction was not applicable.

I trust this addresses your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M.D. Carvajal", is written over a circular stamp.

M.D. Carvajal
Director