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Dear Michigan Court,

I recently read an article regarding the Pay or Stay sentencing that has been taking place in your state and all over this country.

I would like to express my support for Banning this unfair sentencing practice which only serves to further marginalize people without the ability to pay. Judges in this country are working outside of the law every day and it needs to be stopped. Here is what causes the inability to pay in then first place.

1. You go to court with the intentions of getting the lowest fine possible.
2. You enter the court and prior to traffic court starting the Bailiff (Sheriff's Deputy) stands up and lectures you about contesting your ticket.
- 3 The bailiff says, if you do not contest your ticket or court case, that you will get an automatic **50% reduction** in your fine. if you contest your ticket and lose, your guaranteed at least an additional **50% plus court fees and assessments**.
4. So now court hasn't even started and the deck is stacked against you monetarily.

So prior to court ever starting on a day to day basis, the outcome is decided for you. Your guilty, without any chance of contesting the ticket.

Most people are scared beyond reason at this point and are afraid to contest even a wrongfully issued ticket or fine.

So in essence the traffic courts are unfair to begin with and when you put the Debtors Prison affect/ Pay or Stay in with the normal mistreatment it makes for a very unjust system, that aside from being dismantled and rebuilt, can only be changed for the better, it cant get any worse.

Please take my comment seriously and pass the ban on Pay or Stay sentencing and stop the Judges from using these Unfair practices.

Respectfully,
Steve Brown