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Patrice Sawyer, CL – Question: Will Gov. let MDOC use \$ based on current court ruling until answer from Supreme Court?

From: Lee Ann Mayo

The funds are in essence frozen.

I would like to compare this to the CMMC decision.

The funds are not available until the Supreme Court Rules. This is an important constitutional question that needs to be answered. We are appealing the decision to the Supreme Court, and an expenditure now would be an admission that the lower court is right. We are hopeful that the Supreme Court will overturn the decision. An appropriation bill simply grants the authority to pay the private prisons without jeopardizing the case before the Supreme Court.