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## Senator O'Mara's weekly column 'From the Capitol' ~ for the week of February 18, 2019 ~ 'A higher minimum wage for prisoners?'

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If you don't think prisons in New York State have become institutions more focused on rehabilitation than punishment, ask a local correctional officer. This state has gone out of its way focusing on rehabilitation -- too far out of the way, many argue -- to the risk of correctional officers and prison staff who work in these dangerous environments day after day, night after night. Senator O'Mara offers his weekly perspective on many of the key challenges and issues facing the Legislature, as well as on legislative actions, local initiatives, state programs and policies, and more. Stop back every Monday for Senator O'Mara's latest column "From the Capitol..."

This week, "A higher minimum wage for prisoners"

[see attached copy above of Senator O'Mara's column in the February 17, 2019 Corning Leader]