

[Updated 4/2]

HOLD THE LINE

The No's

We will update this list as votes happen. Check often, call often.

We are switching up the messaging. We have the votes we need and now we need to hold them. Want to thank some people instead of begging them to listen to your concerns? GREAT, now's the time!

These are Senators who voted against the appropriation. We'd strongly suggest that you reach out and thank them for paying enough attention to do what's right for Arkansas and for their bravery to vote. Above all, encourage them to continue holding the line. They will be under IMMENSE pressure to flip their votes in these final few days of session. We must carry them through those pressures.

Love 'em or hate 'em, this is your team now and they need to hear how much we appreciate them standing with us. Be loud, be nice, be encouraging--and let's finish strong.

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The Middle

Messaging:

State your position on creating a \$750 million appropriation for the prison (Senate Bill 354) and choose a topic to briefly support your reasoning. We are providing a script below but, because we are consistently told “canned” speeches are the easiest to ignore and we want you to be heard, we STRONGLY URGE you to speak to them in your own words. You can focus on things related to money—that is what this decision is about. And remember that calls are better than emails if you’re able.

Suggested topics (you can call every day and change topics each time, if you like):

- Lack of specific information regarding cost of the project and cost of infrastructure.
- Insufficiency of a one-page summary budget from Vanir for this scale of project.
- Inability to address questions from the legislature.
- Ongoing operating expenses *if* the prison is ever completed.
- ARDOT email confirming \$500k minimum cost per mile for highway upgrades on the same day Profiri said that all roads in Arkansas are the same.
- Local water utility noting they cannot give a price because they haven’t been told what’s needed (so the estimate cannot include all utility costs).

[Visit our Substack](#) for more information to use in your conversations or feel free to get in touch with us to discuss details. We’re here to help. And remember to be kind, explain

your position, and ask for their consideration and support-berating these folks isn't going to get us anywhere.

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These are Senators who have already voted in favor of the appropriation and who we are not convinced will vote against funding the prison regardless of the facts and circumstances. If you have extra time, please do feel free to call them-you never know who or what may sway them, but don't be surprised if you don't get very far and every day spend the first time you have working to build relationships with "The Maybe's." Remember, we have nothing against these Senators, personally, we just want you to use your time wisely.

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