

## **Mechie Mondays**

### **February 3: Pennsylvania Phone-In**

#### BACKGROUND INFO:

Marie “Mechie” Scott is a friend and loved one to many who has been held in prison for more than half a century. Because of Pennsylvania's harsh sentencing laws, Marie was sentenced to mandatory life without parole when she was just 19 years old under the felony murder statute, even though she didn't take a life. At age 71, she's now fighting breast cancer in prison.

After a parole interview with Mechie last year, Dept. of Corrections (DOC) Secretary Harry refused to give her the DOC's recommendation in the commutation process citing incidents from more than 40 years ago and a minor misconduct record that is more than ten years old. This does not justify withholding mercy from a deserving elder who is fighting cancer.

We need to get her home, and right now the DOC commuting her unjust death by incarceration sentence is the quickest path. Mechie has been there for hundreds of women at SCI Muncy who needed a mentor over the last 52 years. Let's show up for her in her time of need.

We are making calls today to:

**Laurel Harry, Secretary of the Dept. of Corrections (DOC)**

Phone: 717-728-4109

#### CALL-IN SCRIPT:

- Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm calling on behalf of Marie Scott, a 71-year-old wheelchair-bound woman who has been incarcerated in Pennsylvania for the past 52 years.
- Even though she didn't take a life, Marie was sentenced to a mandatory sentence of life without parole under the state's felony murder statute when she was just 19 years old. Her co-defendant, who committed the murder, received parole years ago. Marie deserves a second chance too.
- Marie is a beloved member of her community who has expressed remorse for her offense, and she is now fighting breast cancer in prison.
- The leadership where she is held at State Correctional Institution (SCI) Muncy supports her commutation.
- I'm asking Secretary Harry to reconsider her decision and give Marie Scott the DOC's recommendation for commutation.