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## **‘A \$360M mistake;’ Massachusetts should not rebuild women’s prison at MCI-Framingham**

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On June 30, the Healey-Driscoll administration announced a **\$20.5 million capital investment** as the first step in a \$360 million plan to renovate MCI-Framingham, the state’s prison for women. That announcement took **Framingham officials by surprise**, raising concerns about transparency, local input and whether such a massive investment truly reflects the needs of the women held there — or the surrounding community.

But the deeper problem isn’t just a lack of communication. Rebuilding this facility, which houses only 218 women, is a costly and misguided move — especially when the state has other tools to reduce incarceration and support women’s reentry into society.