



THE FIGHT  
FOR

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

A CAMPAIGN TO CREATE A MORE JUST MOUNTAIN STATE

Imprisonment is a brutal and costly response to crime. It traumatizes people and it hurts families and communities. It should be the last option, not the first. There are other responses to crime that can be instituted that emphasize growth and rehabilitation.

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## Broken System

Bail flips the concept of “innocent until proven guilty” upside down. People are held in jail without being convicted of a crime unless they have the money to pay. And even after people have paid their debt to society, legal and social barriers prevent them from reintegrating upon release.

## Fundamentally Unfair

People of color are targeted at all stages of the criminal justice system. They are more likely to be arrested, experience police brutality, be charged, and face longer sentences and more barriers to reentry.

## The War On Drugs

The War On Drugs has failed. Drug use and addiction are just as common as ever, and jails and prisons are overcrowded. It is long past time to end this failed War.

## The Cost of Incarceration

In addition to the human cost, reducing incarceration by 50% would free up \$375 million that could be used for the many needs in our state.

## The LGBTQ Community

LGBTQ+ people are more than twice as likely to wind up in the criminal justice system and face very high rates of violence in jail. Transgender individuals are at a particularly high risk. One in five trans women are incarcerated at some point in their lives; a rate four times the general population.

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## OUR GOALS



Reduce the number of people behind bars by **50%**

Reduce excessive force complaints by **50%**

Reduce the number of people in cages awaiting trial by **90%**

Eliminate disparate arrest and incarceration rates for people of color