

A Pathway Out of Mass Incarceration

A call for legislative changes to the criminal justice system in New York to reduce the scope of the system and refocus it on addressing the root causes of criminal activity rather than inflicting disproportionate punishment.

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ARREST FEWER PEOPLE

Decriminalize minor crimes, particularly crimes of poverty.

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ARRAIGN FEWER PEOPLE

Divert more people to community based diversion programs.

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CONVICT FEWER PEOPLE

Divert people charged with more serious crimes to court based programs.

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SENTENCE FEWER PEOPLE TO PRISON

Increase alternatives to incarceration & create presumptions of non-incarceratory sentences

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REDUCE SENTENCES

Reform sentencing structure to reduce use of mandatory minimums. Create process to reconsider lengthy sentences.

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REFORM PRISONS

Reform prisons into places that address the reasons people commit crimes rather than simply inflict inhumane punishment.

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REFORM PAROLE

Reform parole and post-release supervision to focus on reintegration rather than punishment and reincarceration.

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REFORM SEALING

Increase the ease and frequency with which individuals can seal their convictions.

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