Policies that **REDUCE THE RATES OF INCARCERATION AND RECIDIVISM.**

Policies that address and confront the **RACIAL DISPARITIES** in our criminal justice system;

Policies that **REFORM** reform the use of **MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCING** to reduce injustice in its effects and application;

Policies that challenge our state’s **UNCONSCIONABLY HIGH RECIDIVISM RATE**, including but not limited to increasing access to pre-incarceration diversionary paths, re-entry programs, mental health and substance abuse services, and job-training and stabilization supports for individuals upon release;

Policies that address the **COMMUNAL IMPACTS** of high incarceration rates, particularly on **FAMILY MEMBERS** of those incarcerated;

Policies that **REFORM OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM** to reduce the school to prison pipeline;

Policies that address the impact of **FINES AND FEES** associated with all aspects of the criminal justice system, from **PRE-TRIAL BAIL REFORM** to fees associated with **PROBATION AND PAROLE.**

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THE NEED FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM IN MASSACHUSETTS

236% INCREASE SINCE 1980

RECIDIVISM RATE

40% IN MASSACHUSETTS

27M CHILDREN
HAVE AT LEAST 1 PARENT IN PRISON

RACIAL/ETHNIC DISPARITY IN MASSACHUSETTS INCARCERATIONS

2014 INCARCERATION RATES PER 100K MA RESIDENTS

Black Residents

Hispanic Residents

7.5 TIMES HIGHER

4.3 TIMES HIGHER

Compared to White Residents

75% OF INCARCERATIONS FOR MANDATORY MINIMUM DRUG OFFENSES

22% OF TOTAL POPULATION


