



LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS

To Reduce Crime & Incarceration

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Hon. Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510-1702

Hon. Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
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Hon. Harry Reid
Senate Minority Leader
United States Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-2803

Hon. Nancy Pelosi
House Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
233 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-0512

Dear Leader McConnell, Leader Reid, Speaker Ryan, and Leader Pelosi:

I write to you on behalf of [Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration](#), which represents the nation's most prominent police chiefs, district attorneys, U.S. attorneys, and attorneys general from all fifty states.

Today, in the attached letter, we joined our nation's largest law enforcement organizations to call on Mr. Trump and Secretary Clinton to support efforts to reduce crime and incarceration. We hope you do the same.

Law enforcement officials play an invaluable role in our society, and we hope that you will consider our perspective. Public safety is our utmost priority. It is why we risk our lives every day working to keep dangerous offenders off our streets. However, our burgeoning prison population has created a new public safety challenge, and we know from experience that over-reliance on incarceration does not deter crime. We urge you to support sensible and thoughtful reforms that will reduce unnecessary incarceration *and* keep our country safe this session.

By doing so, you can demonstrate your ongoing commitment to public safety and your strong support for our country's law enforcement. We appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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