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Top Cop Responds to Trump on Crime and Policing

Law Enforcement Says Reducing Incarceration Will Help Cut Crime While Promoting Safety

In response to Donald J. Trump's speech at the Republican National Convention, including his claim that "decades of historically low crime rates are being reversed," **Ronal Serpas, chairman of Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration, which represents nearly 200 police chiefs, sheriffs, and district attorneys from across the country**, issued the following statement:

"What we heard runs counter to what American law enforcement knows to be true: [our country's crime rates are at historic lows](#). Misrepresenting these facts only makes our job harder.

"As the candidates develop their policy platforms, we hope they will engage with the men and women who have spent decades keeping our country safe. We know from our experience the best way to do that: stop wasting resources indiscriminately locking more people behind bars and instead focus on preventing and enforcing violent crime."

Last week, [Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration](#), along with some of America's most prominent police and prosecutorial associations, urged both presidential candidates, in an open [letter](#), to champion policies that would reduce incarceration and redirect vital law enforcement resources to address violent crime.

Serpas has over 30 years of experience in law enforcement, having led both the Nashville and New Orleans Police departments. His expert commentary on crime rates, policing, and criminal justice reform has appeared in the [New York Times](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Post](#), [The Hill](#), on [NPR](#), [MSNBC](#), and [Fox News](#) among other outlets.

To schedule an interview with Serpas or learn more about Law Enforcement Leaders, please contact Fiona Druge at Fiona.Druge@berlinrosen.com or (646) 755-6126.

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About Law Enforcement Leaders

[Law Enforcement Leaders](#) unites nearly 200 current and former police chiefs, sheriffs, federal and state prosecutors, and attorneys general from all 50 states to urge for a reduction in both crime and incarceration. We believe that the country can reduce incarceration while keeping down crime, and we support changes to our criminal justice system to achieve that goal. See a full list of members [here](#).

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