



LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS
To Reduce Crime & Incarceration



Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime & Incarceration

in collaboration with

The Unlock Higher Ed Coalition

formally invites you to a panel discussion and briefing on Capitol Hill:

“Restoring Higher Education Opportunities for Incarcerated Students”

Tuesday, September 17th

2:00 to 3:30 PM

106 Senate Dirksen Office Building

[Please RSVP here](#)

Please join law enforcement leaders – current and former – and formerly incarcerated students for a conversation about the public safety benefits and taxpayer savings of restoring Pell Grants and other higher education opportunities for incarcerated students. Panelists will draw on their own experiences within the criminal justice system to underscore how access to higher education while incarcerated is one of the most effective ways to combat recidivism. The panel will dispel common misconceptions about providing higher education opportunities within correctional facilities and reveal how higher education can improve communities, prison environment, and the reentry successes of justice-involved people.

Panelists

Dr. Chris Beasley, Co-Founder and President, Formerly Incarcerated College Graduates; Assistant Professor, University of Washington, Tacoma

Peter J. Koutoujian, Sheriff, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Rick Raemisch, Former Executive Director, Colorado Department of Corrections

Ronal Serpas, Executive Director of Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime & Incarceration; Former New Orleans Police Superintendent

Miea Walker, Criminal Justice Manager of the Policy and Advocacy Division with Forward Justice; Appointed to North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper’s State Reentry Collaborative

Moderator

Taryn Merkl, Senior Counsel, Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime & Incarceration; Former Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York

Closing Remarks

Syrita Steib, Founder and Executive Director, Operation Restoration

Light refreshments will be served.