



ENDORISING MEMBERS of CPR
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Re: Letter of Endorsement for Portman-Whitehouse

Dear Legislator,

We are a diverse, national coalition working for imperative changes in the U.S. correctional system. The Portman-Whitehouse Prison Reform Bill (S. 1675, Recidivism Reduction and Public Safety Act of 2014) has our full support, and we stand united behind its speedy enactment.

We want to outline some of the benefits of this legislation, about which we are in agreement across varied ages, heritages, faiths, economic standings, and political associations:

- Portman-Whitehouse is fiscally responsible. It asks for no new taxes or funding, and proposes instead a reduction in overall prison spending through more effective use of existing reentry programs.
- It does not compromise public safety. It lays out a no-nonsense risk-assessment strategy, forbidding reduced sentencing or other privileges for violent, terroristic, or sexual offenders.
- The bill advocates rehabilitation with an emphasis on the controls, enhancing economic productivity while diminishing the expensive prison population, and making room in institutions for truly unsalvageable criminals.
- S. 1675 is both rational and morally commendable. Reform of this nature will save tens of thousands of promising American lives that would be otherwise lost to an infinite regress of crime in a dead-end prison system.

Please count us in as a member group of the CPR and an advocate of S. 1675, and please find our name in support below. Suggestions or amendments to make certain that the bill will be humane, tough on crime, and easy on the U.S. budget are enthusiastically welcomed. We can only gain so much ground without momentum on the federal floors, so we look forward to joining forces with you on this crucial initiative.

Sincerely,

[Member Group Names]