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My name is Barbara Vinyard. I am writing ALL 50 Governor's to ask for help changing the mentality of this country towards ex-felon's?

Ex-felons are the most discriminated class of people in the United States! If you are poor in America, and have been incarcerated, then you are sentenced for life! You can't find suitable employment, decent housing, get loans, become a doctor, even a lawyer. In most states, you can never vote again! It is near impossible to start over once you have been released!

Why?

When there time is done, seal the record!

The American prison system is only for the poor. If you are affluent, or have power, then you seldom do time-or do very little! The rich and the powerful can easily without any obstruction reintegrate back into society! In most cases, it is even celebrated! Not so with Americas poor! The Death Penalty, America's harshest of penalties, is known as the "poor man's sentence"! No rich person will ever receive this harshest of penalties!

As of April 14th, 2014, 3 in 4 former prisoners in 30 States were re-arrested within 5 years of release!

A sad statistic. One that America needs to change! People make mistakes, they get stupid, that is what we all do! It is part of the human process! But when the sentence has expired from the holding state, then they have earned the right to start over! WHO ARE WE AS A SOCIETY TO STOP THEM?

A hate crime is defined as: "Discrimination towards ANY faction of society". This certainly falls well within those guidelines. This certainly fits America's ex-offenders!

Who among us has not made mistakes, who among us would not welcome a second chance?

When their time is done, seal the record. They have earned the right for a life!

We must as a country allow everyone the same freedoms, not just a "selected" few!

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