

Community Rebound Act

PAROLE AND PROBATION SYSTEMS HAVE STAGNATED, PUTTING COMMUNITIES AT RISK

95% of incarcerated individuals will return to society, so increasing public safety depends on getting parole and probation right



45% of prison admissions come from **parole or probation violations**



69% of people on parole or probation are **re-arrested within 2 years**



Most parole and probation systems suffer from high caseloads, underpaid officers, and scarce rehabilitation resources

These challenges discourage officers from thinking creatively about how to improve outcomes

INCENTIVES MATTER



Realigning parole and probation incentives could save states \$1.9 billion, lower violent crime, and cut prison populations by 50,000

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— REWARDING WHAT WORKS WILL DRIVE DOWN CRIME —

The Community Rebound Act gives performance-based funding to individual parole and probation offices that improve their outcomes:

1

Reduce the percentage of individuals on parole or probation revoked to prison

What works in one community may not work in another, so states should encourage local solutions

2

Keep the cost savings for each individual who stays out of prison

This is not a blank check sold on promised improvements because payments only follow outcomes

3

Reinvest savings in new technologies, officer bonuses, and evidence-based programs

All these investments support law enforcement officers doing their jobs

Once funding is tied to increased public safety, local offices will have a financial incentive to succeed

Texas's probation program **reduced technical violations by 15%** over a time when violent crime decreased



California's probation program lowered revocations by 25% while **violent crime fell by the largest amount in a decade**

BOTTOM LINE

Effective parole and probation systems keep communities safe, save money, and help formerly incarcerated people stay crime free

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