

Petition

It's time for a second chance

To:
Wisconsin Governor
Secretary of DOC
Parole Chairman
All Wisconsin Legislators

We, the undersigned, believe that the near elimination of parole for prisoners sentenced prior to January 1, 2000 is unlawful and unjust. There are 2,887 "old Law" Prisoners who were sentenced before truth-in-sentencing became the law and have long been eligible for parole. They are denied release year after year for stock reasons like "hasn't served sufficient time" or because the programs mandated are unavailable.

We demand that each "old law" prisoner be considered seriously for parole based on his or her individual readiness because that was the sentencing court's intentions. Further, we fully support WISDOM'S 11X15 Campaign that calls on the governor to appoint an Ombudsman, selected by the Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, with the authority to insure that "Old law" prisoners spend no more time in limbo.

It is now time for these people to be mainstreamed back into society where they can be productive citizens. Their families, friends, love ones, and in some cases jobs are waiting for them. Where is the second chance?

<i>Name</i>	<i>address</i>	<i>phone and/or email</i>	<i>can we contact you? Do you want our newsletter?</i>
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Send to FFUP, 29631 Wild Rose Drive, Blue River, WI 53518
Forum for Understanding Prisons (FFUP); a 501c3 non-profit; website: www.prisonforum.org
Direct questions to: Email pgswan3@aol.com , phone 1-608-536-3993

Get the scoop on OLD LAW Parole

Find out about “**SECOND CHANCE**” We meet by phone conference and are working to spread the word about this old law campaign. All welcome.

- Sign up for our **alerts**
- Find out about our “**listening sessions**” where families of those effected by our corrupted system tell their stories to legislators , the media and the public.
- Help us organize an effective grassroots campaign to get these parole-ready men and women out.
- Contact coordinator: **Peg Swan**, (608) 536-3993; pgswan3@aol.com.

“ **Make no mistake about it, Wisconsin’s parole system is morally bankrupt, and needs to be reformed now.**

Representative Leon Young, July 2014

More from representative Leon Young:

Parole-eligible inmates are repeatedly being denied an opportunity to return to their communities, in hopes of becoming productive members. To add insult to injury, it costs the hardworking taxpayers of the state a hefty **\$96 million** each and every year to warehouse inmates who (by the virtue of time spent behind bars and their behavior and accomplishments while incarcerated) should already be back in their respective communities.

The Department of Corrections goes to great lengths in perpetrating the perception that parole-eligible inmates “pose some grave danger to the community.” Let’s examine the real facts:

- The number of inmates released on parole has decreased dramatically in recent years, from 1,146 in 2005 to 132 in 2012

Find out about WISDOM

An interfaith coalition dedicated on a broad range of justice reforms.

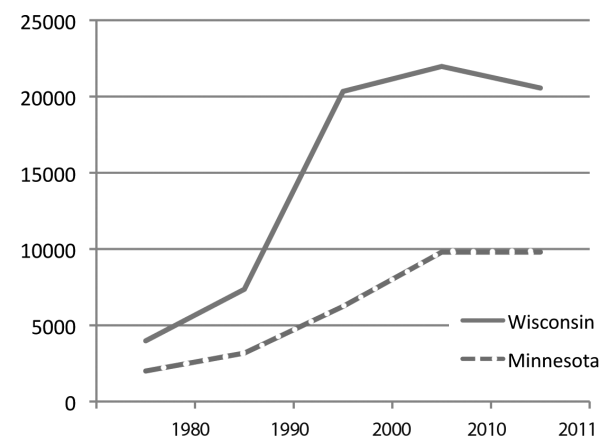
Contact for their in-prison-issues group:

11x15 Campaign

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Total Number of Inmates Skyrockets



CONTACT Your Representatives

Ask your representatives to stop wasting your money.

To find out who your legislators are: Call (800) 362-9472 or google “who are my legislators?”

Use this pamphlet for **talking points** or go to www.prisonforum.org

No loved one in prison? Tell your legislators you are outraged at the waste of peoples’ lives and taxpayers’ money.

Loved one in prison? Tell them **your** story and ask that their aides help you get **your** loved one home.

Listening Session

Second Chance listening session in Stevens Point, Saturday, OCT 18th

Media and legislators will be there and all are welcome to tell their story.

Coordinator: **Beth Ann Laars** (715) 498-0314. Carpooling is possible.

