



CJPC Supporters:

There are **five** bills that CJPC is actively supporting and believe to be important to our continued mission to fight for criminal justice reform. It is vital for constituents to **voice their support** in order to effect change. We are hoping that you will **join us** in this call to action on the below five bills:

- H.2047: An Act to strengthen inmate visitation
- H.1343: An Act relative to treatment, not imprisonment
- H.4652: An Act regarding decarceration and COVID-19
- S.1372: An Act relative to inmate telephone calls
- H.3420: An Act to promote public safety and better outcomes for young adults

For each bill, we have included the bill number, deadline to voice support (“bill vote date”), a link to the bill on the mass.gov website and which legislator is sponsoring the bill so that when you reach out to **your elected official**, you can tell them which legislator (and bill) you would like them to voice support for.

In order to determine **WHO** is your elected official in your area, you may go to: www.wheredoivotema.com.

You may also reach out to those who are **chairs of the bill** and voice your support as a constituent of the Commonwealth. To find this information, you may click the link to the bill (below), which shows the sponsor.

There are **TWO** ways for you to reach out to your elected official to request they support these critical bills:

Option 1 is by **telephone**. We have provided a brief outline of talking points for each bill to help you stay on track when you call.

Option 2 is to **email** your elected official. We have also provided a brief outline of what to write for each bill that should be included in the email.

*For emails and telephone numbers, links are below in the table.

Let's show support for these very important and meaningful bills. **It is time for action!**

Bill Number:	H. 2047
Bill Title:	An Act to strengthen inmate visitation
Bill Committee Vote Deadline:	Currently no hearing is scheduled.
Bill Summary:	This is a bill that focuses on the importance of visitation between incarcerated individuals and members of the public by recognizing that regular visitation helps those incarcerated with reentry and reduces recidivism. The Bill focuses on loosening the stringent standards for members of society to be able to visit loved ones, allows for more contact visits, and prevents officers from turning visitors away based on their clothes.
Link to the Bill:	https://malegislature.gov/Bills/191/H2047
Sponsor of the Bill:	Marjorie C. Decker
Option 1: Telephone Number to Call	617 722 2000 (This is the switchboard number); OR https://www.boston.gov/departments/intergovernmental-relations/federal-and-state-elected-officials . There are number of direct lines for state elected officials.
Talking Points:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Identify yourself as a constituent of your elected official (or a voter in the Commonwealth if you are contacting the sponsor to show support).</i> 2. <i>Urge them to support Bill H.2047.</i> 3. <i>Ask them to show support for the petitioner of the bill, Marjorie C. Decker.</i> 4. <i>Explain you understand this is a bill that would be beneficial for the inmate and the inmates loved ones!</i> 5. <i>This Bill helps to humanize inmates and facilitates more visitations between loved ones while maintaining security protocols at the jails.</i>
Option 2: Email	https://www.boston.gov/departments/intergovernmental-relations/federal-and-state-elected-officials Scroll to which elected official you are contacting. Many of have their emails listed on this website.
Substance of Email:	<p><i>Dear [your elected official]:</i></p> <p><i>I am a constituent and live in [town]. I am requesting you support Bill HB2047 that would benefit inmates and loved ones wishing to visit those incarcerated. This Bill helps humanize incarcerated individuals and facilitates more in-person visits while maintaining security protocols at the jails. I urge you to please support the petitioner of this important bill, Marjorie C. Decker.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you,</i></p> <p><i>[Name]</i></p>

Bill Number:	H.1343
Bill Title:	An Act relative to treatment, not imprisonment
Bill Committee Vote Deadline:	7/31/2020
Bill Summary:	This bill focuses on the importance of treatment for people with substance abuse disorders. This bill proposes to provide substance abuse treatment to those with drug or alcohol problems as a condition of their pretrial release or probation. Also, if someone in substance abuse treatment as a condition of pretrial release or probation tests positive for drugs or alcohol or shows other signs of relapse, this will not be considered a violation of their pretrial release or probation.
Link to the Bill:	https://malegislature.gov/Bills/191/H1343/BillHistory
Sponsor of the Bill:	Ruth B. Balsler
Option 1: Telephone Number to Call	617 722 2000 (This is the switchboard number); OR https://www.boston.gov/departments/intergovernmental-relations/federal-and-state-elected-officials . There are number of direct lines for state elected officials.
Talking Points:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Identify yourself as a constituent of your elected official (or a voter in the Commonwealth if you are contacting the sponsor to show support).</i> 2. <i>Urge them to support Bill HB1343.</i> 3. <i>Ask them to show support for the petitioner of the bill, Ruth B. Balsler.</i> 4. <i>Explain you understand this is a bill that would be beneficial for people with substance abuse disorders. This Bill helps to get treatment for those with substance abuse problems rather than to incarcerate them.</i>
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Substance of Email:	<p><i>Dear [your elected official]:</i></p> <p><i>I am a constituent and live in [town]. I am requesting you support Bill HB1343 that would be beneficial for people with substance abuse disorders. This Bill helps to get treatment for those with substance abuse problems rather than to incarcerate them. I urge you to please support the petitioner of this important bill, Ruth B. Balsler.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you,</i></p> <p><i>[Name]</i></p>

Bill Number:	H.4652
Bill Title:	An Act regarding decarceration and COVID-19
Bill Committee Vote Deadline:	6/30/2020
Bill Summary:	This bill focuses on the decarceration and proposes targeted release of pre-trial and sentenced individuals during COVID-19 who are medically vulnerable or do not pose a public safety risk to allow safe physical distancing for staff and individuals who remain incarcerated.
Link to the Bill:	https://malegislature.gov/Bills/191/H4652/BillHistory
Sponsor of the Bill:	Lindsay N. Sabadosa
Option 1: Telephone Number to Call	617 722 2000 (This is the switchboard number); OR https://www.boston.gov/departments/intergovernmental-relations/federal-and-state-elected-officials . There are number of direct lines for state elected officials.
Talking Points:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Identify yourself as a constituent of your elected official (or a voter in the Commonwealth if you are contacting the sponsor to show support).</i> 2. <i>Urge them to support Bill HB. 4652</i> 3. <i>Ask them to show support for the petitioner of the bill, Lindsey N. Sabadosa</i> 4. <i>Explain you understand this is a bill that would be beneficial for those individuals formerly incarcerated awaiting trial, technical parole violations, probation violations, six months left to sentence and those who qualify for medical parole, individuals held on a warrant for fines. This Bill helps to get individuals who in addition are over fifty years of age and those who are immunocompromised or immunosuppressed.</i>
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Substance of Email:	<p><i>Dear [your elected official]:</i></p> <p><i>I am a constituent and live in [town]. I am requesting you support Bill H.4652 that would be beneficial for individuals presently incarcerated during COVID-19; awaiting trial, held on probation violation, technical parole violation, six months left to sentence. Those individuals over fifty years of age with a compromised immune system. I urge you to please support the petitioner of this important bill, Lindsay N. Sabadosa.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you,</i></p> <p><i>[Name]</i></p>

Bill Number:	S.1372
Bill Title:	An Act relative to inmate telephone calls
Bill Committee Vote Deadline:	Bill has been referral to Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Bill Summary:	This is a Bill focused on providing no cost telephone communications to both prisoners and their receiving parties. The monetary charge placed on telephone calls can often be a barrier for incarcerated individuals when attempting to speak with their support system and/or legal counsel. This Bill will eliminate the hardship imposed on prisoners with limited financial access.
Link to the Bill:	https://malegislature.gov/Bills/191/S1372
Sponsor of the Bill:	William N. Brownsberger
Option 1: Telephone Number to Call	<u>617 722 2000</u> (This is the switchboard number); OR https://www.boston.gov/departments/intergovernmental-relations/federal-and-state-elected-officials . There are number of direct lines for state elected officials.
Talking Points:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Identify yourself as a constituent of your elected official (or a voter in the Commonwealth if you are contacting the sponsor to show support).</i> 2. <i>Urge them to support Bill S.1372.</i> 3. <i>Ask them to show support for the petitioner of the bill, William N. Brownsberger.</i> 4. <i>Explain you understand this is a bill that would be beneficial for the inmate and the inmates loved ones/legal counsel.</i> 5. <i>This Bill helps to eliminate cost as a barrier when placing or receiving phone calls.</i>
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Substance of Email:	<p><i>Dear [your elected official]:</i></p> <p><i>I am a constituent and live in [town]. I am requesting you support Bill S.1372 that would serve to eliminate the added hardship of a fee when placing or receiving telephone calls. This Bill helps humanize incarcerated individuals and facilitates more communication between inmates and their loved ones or legal counsel. I urge you to please support the petitioner of this important bill, William N. Brownsberger.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you,</i></p> <p><i>[Name]</i></p>

Bill Number:	HB3420
Bill Title:	An Act to promote public safety and better outcomes for young adults
Bill Committee Vote Deadline:	7/30/2020
Bill Summary:	This proposed Bill will shift young adults between the age of 18-20 into the juvenile system, rather than the adult criminal system, whereby they would be required to attend school and participate in rehabilitative programming. Studies have found that the brain is still developing during these years and would make the individual more amenable to rehabilitation. This Bill would reduce recidivism as these young adults would not be exposed to the harsh adult prison and jail systems and instead, would be given rehabilitative resources.
Link to the Bill:	https://malegislature.gov/Bills/191/H3420
Sponsor of the Bill:	James J. O'Day and Kay Khan
Option 1: Telephone Number to Call	<u>617 722 2000</u> (This is the switchboard number); OR https://www.boston.gov/departments/intergovernmental-relations/federal-and-state-elected-officials . There are number of direct lines for state elected officials.
Talking Points:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Identify yourself as a constituent of your elected official (or a voter in the Commonwealth if you are contacting the sponsor to show support).</i> 2. <i>Urge them to support Bill HB3420.</i> 3. <i>Ask them to show support for the petitioners of the bill, James J. O'Day and Kay Khan.</i> 4. <i>Explain you understand this is a bill that would be beneficial for the rehabilitation of juveniles between the ages of 18-20.</i> 5. <i>This Bill and the required school and programming will not only help with rehabilitation but will help reduce recidivism amongst this population.</i>
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Substance of Email:	<p><i>Dear [your elected official]:</i></p> <p><i>I am a constituent and live in [town]. I am requesting you support Bill HB3420 that would place 18-20 year olds in to the juvenile system, rather than the adult criminal system. This Bill will require these individuals to engage in programming and attend school rather than be subjected to the harsh adult criminal system. This will rehabilitate these young individuals thereby reducing recidivism. I urge you to please support the petitioners of this important bill, James J. O'Day and Kay Khan.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you,</i></p> <p><i>[Name]</i></p>

