



# REFORM

## ABOUT REFORM

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## WHY PROBATION AND PAROLE?

REFORM Alliance seeks to transform probation and parole by changing laws, systems, and culture to create real pathways to work and well-being, increasing public safety for us all. Instead of keeping people trapped in a revolving door from supervision to prison, we're creating solutions to move people from the justice system into stability and safety. Our goal is for people to reenter society with dignity, build meaningful pathways to work, and equip them with the tools to succeed – translating into stable communities, stronger families and increased public safety for all.

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Nearly 4 million people are on probation and parole in the United States today – that's more than twice the number of people incarcerated. Probation and parole (known generally as "supervision" and including all forms of community supervision) were designed to successfully redirect people away from incarceration, not toward it. Why, then, do supervision violations make up over 40% of prison admissions nationally- more than half of which are non-criminal technical violations as simple as being late to a meeting with your supervision officer, crossing state lines or even walking your dog past curfew? Every five minutes, someone is sent back to prison for a technical violation of supervision – not for committing a new crime— at great cost to taxpayers, families, and communities.

This is because rather than being a support system and pathway to rehabilitation and stability, supervision has instead become a web of confusing and ineffective conditions that become barriers to success and end up excluding millions of people - and families - from economic stability and wellness.

At REFORM, we believe that the United States can safely reduce the number of people under supervision and make our supervision system work better for everyone - people on supervision, supervision officers, employers, taxpayers, and communities.

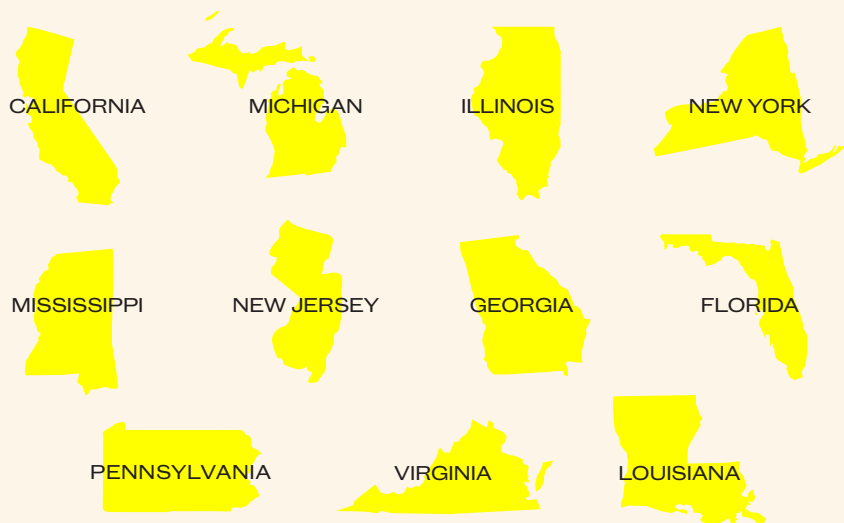


## WHAT WE DO

REFORM works at all levels of government, from county probation departments to state and federal government to the United Nations, all to transform probation and parole systems. We partner with local coalitions and public safety stakeholders, including law enforcement, employers, survivors of crime, directly impacted people, and advocates, to champion evidence-based policy solutions that make communities stronger and safer.

We focus on common-sense legislative reforms that prioritize rehabilitation, accountability, families, and safe communities. This allows us to support policies that increase independence for individuals and safety across communities, while reducing governmental overreach and fiscal waste to decrease the strain on taxpayers.

### OUR SUCCESSES:



Since our founding in 2019, REFORM's bipartisan, solutions-based approach has helped achieve successful policy change in California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. These reforms are implementing common sense supervision policies that hold people accountable, incentivize good behavior, encourage success, support independence, save taxpayers millions of dollars and make our neighborhoods safer.

To date, we have passed 18 bipartisan bills in 11 states and created pathways for more than 800,000 people to exit the system.