



The Cathedral Church
of Saint Paul
A House of Prayer for All

Episcopal Diocese
of Massachusetts
The Very Reverend
John P. Streit, Jr., Dean

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am/we are joining with other organizations and individuals to support the "Proposal to Allow Post-Release Contact". Allowing volunteers and chaplains to work with former inmates in programs that are designed to respect the DOC's safety concerns, would go a long way toward assisting men and women as they return to their communities, thereby reducing recidivism.

Given the Massachusetts Department of Corrections mission "to promote public safety while providing care and appropriate programming in preparation for successful reentry," this policy change would create the logical next step toward ensuring a positive experience for returning citizens and those who care about them. As faith community leaders in downtown Boston, we urge you to support this proposal and examine the issues more closely in order to develop new policies which reflect wisdom, safety concerns and re-entry needs.

Yours in Faith,

Rev Cristina Rathbone
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