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More Than 60 Elected Prosecutors Pledge to Visit Their Local Correctional Facilities

*DAs to Implement Officewide Requirements Promoting Greater
Understanding of Conditions and Implications of Incarceration*

Today, 65 elected prosecutors [pledged](#) to personally visit the correctional facilities in which individuals prosecuted by their offices are placed and to require all prosecutors in their offices to do the same. The signatories – who represent nearly 55 million people across 28 states and the District of Columbia – emphasize that “it is vital for prosecutors to understand the true impact of their decisions and to see *firsthand* the jails, prisons, and juvenile facilities in their jurisdiction.” The pledge is part of Fair and Just Prosecution’s ongoing efforts to advance FAMM’s [#VisitAPrison challenge](#), which encourages all state and federal policymakers to visit a prison or jail.

“Local prosecutors across the country wield incredible power to shape lives and influence communities with every decision they make. This is a responsibility that demands more than legal expertise – it requires empathy and genuine firsthand understanding of the implications of their decisions,” said **Miriam Krinsky, Executive Director of [Fair and Just Prosecution](#)**. “Prosecutors and other public safety leaders must walk into correctional facilities, look into the eyes of those they have sentenced or detained, and see how these places often do little to rehabilitate people and instead simply perpetuate the abuse, neglect and harm that leads to crime in the first place. Only then can prosecutors truly appreciate the weight of their actions.”

There are currently more than [2 million people](#) held in federal, state, local, and tribal jails and prisons. Prosecutors have immense influence over whether someone becomes incarcerated and for how long, but far too many only have an abstract idea of what these facilities are really like. As more prosecutors implement reforms to promote public safety while also helping reduce our jail and prison populations, it is critical that they and their staff develop a deep understanding of correctional facilities – including how isolating, dehumanizing and unsafe conditions can impact an individual’s rehabilitation efforts and in turn, the safety of the communities to which they return.

“Prosecutors have an obligation to acknowledge the often deeply disturbing realities of incarceration if they are truly committed to the pursuit of justice. Seeing firsthand some of the conditions we subject people to in these facilities emphasizes why we must urgently end our overreliance on incarceration and embrace new visions for public safety, accountability and

rehabilitation,” said **Winnebago County, WI District Attorney Eric Sparr**, a signatory to the pledge.

The pledge was last issued in January, 2023 and includes many of the inspiring reform-minded prosecutors across the nation who are transforming the justice system from within. Participating offices will carry out their commitment over the coming year and beyond, as the elected leaders, as well as all prosecutors in their offices, complete visits to their local prison, jail and juvenile facilities. Requiring these visits is a crucial part of setting culture and expectations among those who make vitally important decisions in these offices every day.

“As ministers of justice, it’s imperative that all of the prosecutors in my office fully understand how asking for jail or prison sentences impacts individuals in the system, the communities we serve and long-term public safety goals,” said **City of Norfolk, VA Commonwealth’s Attorney Ramin Fatehi**, another signatory to the pledge. “Visiting these correctional facilities firsthand and engaging directly with the people most impacted by incarceration is the only way to foster the empathy and insight needed for informed decision-making.”

Read the full pledge statement [here](#) and see below for a full list of pledge participants.

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