

To the Judiciary Committee of the House,

I'm writing to you to express my support for H.492.

Vermont is a state with 1.6% African Americans, but African Americans make up over 10% of our prison system. Last year, The Sentencing Project reported that Vermont leads the nation with one in 14 African American Males incarcerated. To me, this means what we are doing to dismantle institutionalized racism and to educate ourselves about and recognize implicit bias is not enough.

Creating a Board tasked with the responsibility to oversee and implement racial justice reform across the State will move us a little closer to dismantling institutionalized racism and making this a safer state for all people.

Will you support H.492? If you won't, why not?

Thank you for your time, hard work, and service,

Rebecca Dalgin, Montpelier