

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee

I ask that you give serious consideration to H-492, the Racial Justice Reform Bill.

As a citizen of Chittenden County, I am very concerned over the disproportionate arrests and incarceration of African-Americans. Are you aware that Vermont leads the nation with "one in fourteen African-American males incarcerated " according to The Sentencing Project? I find that unacceptable.

In addition, migrant workers who make Vermont's dairy industry possible , work long , hard hours for a minimum wage. Now these workers are terrified of being deported, and with the threat of raids and deportation by ICE they don't even dare leave the farms to get groceries . That is inhuman.

We need this bill passed in order to stop these injustices.

Thank you.

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