In support of PR2

What we are experiencing right now in the form of enslavement as a punishment for an alleged crime and the largest prison population to have ever existed on earth can be called the Vermont *butterfly effect*.

In chaos theory, the **butterfly effect** is the sensitive dependence of a system on initial conditions in which a small change in one state can result in exponential differences in a later state.

Here we are in that later state. Post 1777 convict leasing schemes.
With 25 states, 1 territory, 1 district, **and** a federal constitutional amendment, all based on loopholes for slavery and involuntary servitude introduced by the state of Vermont.

in a decade we saw the seed take root nationally.

#2 1787 Northwest Ordinance (along with fugitive slave laws support)
#3 1806 Ohio State Constitution
#4 1843 Oregon State Constitution
#5 1861, Corwin Amendment. Would have made slavery constitutionally untouchable.
#6 1861 Alabama State Constitution
(A statement about intent.) In 1883, about 10 percent of Alabama's total revenue was derived from convict leasing and 80% from slavery related industries. In 1898, nearly 73 percent of total revenue came from this same source.

Not just Alabama faced this economic reversal. **80 percent** of the nation's gross national product was tied to slavery" in 1860.

#7 1862 An Act for the Release of certain Persons held to Service or Labor in the District of Columbia
#8 1865 Amendment XIII US Constitution

Section 1.

Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

By having this exception in state and federal constitutions the US is in violation of multiple international human rights treatise.

Article 4 Universal Declaration of human Rights
1948 UN General Assembly

No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

That these are among fundamental human rights to be universally protected as the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.

While denouncing China for prison labor, we're creating media content appealing to international corporations to use prison labor.

Vermont is also involved with illegal human trafficking in which offenders from your state are shipped to Mississippi. Where they committed no crimes.

We're here to change that now. As of today, there are 13 states with legislation to remove these pro slavery exceptions. Several are already on the ballot for 2022 giving the citizen the choice to choose for or against the state owning people as property.

1 Oregon
2 Tennessee
3 Alabama
4 California
5 Ohio
6 Vermont
7 Florida
8 Nevada
9 New Jersey *
10 Texas *
11 Minnesota *
12 Louisiana *
13 New York

15 additional states are organizing to submit their legislation.
And finally, a federal joint resolution is on the table introducing a potential 28th amendment which, like the 21st did to the 18th after prohibition, repeal that

offensive and destructive exception.

34 US states and territories are involved in this national effort today.

I would like to close by saying the nation is watching. Hoping that the state which imitated this nationally adopted pro-slavery language will join the states that are removing it.

I'll close by sharing the words of Dr. Martin Luthor King Jr.

…I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in South Carolina and not be concerned about what happens in Vermont. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial "outside agitator" idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds.

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