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I oppose this bill. Assault is already a crime

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Redirect priorities from prisons & jails to \$upport vulnerable individuals & families, community care for mental illness, homeless, to close Longcreek, \$upport community apprenticeships.

How can there be a group classified as the WORKING poor? Let's have LIVING WAGE WeWe already have too many reasons to arrest people (They are enforced disparately) but always traumatic.

Reform now. Human rights & standard of care, compassionate release, Reinstitute parole, adequate PPE, vaccinated guards & inmates...

Stop Arrests, Bail requirement, Solitary confinement...

Stop funding top down solutions, where DA, sheriffs, police forces:

- hold & control the funding for community alternative programs, shortchanging services Again UGH!

Our legal system has too long, focused on criminal punishment, a philosophy -That ignores the victim. -That risks stability of families & communities when caregivers are jailed for even a short period. -That punishes poverty with a cash bail system, with added time awaiting trial due to covid, -That has imposed among the most disparate and extended sentences, while removing all parole, - That punishes social ills & mental illness with jail. -That is not equipped to assess & treat medical conditions or protect prisoners' health, safety & welfare in this pandemic.

We can & must do better.