• President Biden will:
  • reduce recidivism.

Focusing on addressing these underlying factors is not just the right thing to do, it will also grow our economy.

Directing the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to divert former foster youth to transitional housing, ensuring they can be more trauma-informed and support survivors of violence.

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• prioritize reform of the juvenile justice system to make sure these young people have a second chance and prevent crime and incarceration.
• push for full funding of the Victims of Crime Act and then go beyond, with proposals to build upon the law.

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• require states to pass legislation to reduce their prison population.
• disallow private companies charging incarcerated individuals and their families from profiteering off of incarceration.
• require states to pass legislation to end cash bail.
• fund a national effort to end cash bail and reform our pretrial system by incentivizing states to move away from an overreliance on bail.

Our criminal justice system cannot be just unless we root out the racial, ethnic, and economic biases that have narrowed the unjustified disparities in the criminal justice system.

Stop corporations from profiteering off of incarceration.

No one should be incarcerated for a crime of poverty.

End the criminalization of poverty.

End the arrest and incarceration of individuals who are suffering from mental health and substance use disorder, and instead provide access to treatment.

Expand access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment, and require states to pass legislation to end parole for individuals who are suffering from mental health and substance use disorder.

As president, Biden will:
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• require states to pass legislation to end all incarceration for drug use alone and instead divert individuals to drug courts so they receive access to treatment.
• require states to pass legislation to end prison-based criminal justice policies.
• call for a national effort to end private incarceration.

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