

Second Look NJ

Why NJ Needs a Rehabilitative Release Law

NJ ranks 4th highest in the US in disproportionately elderly “lifers”

NJ prisoners age 60+ are the only demographic to steadily increase over the past 10 years.

Aging people in prison require up to 5x the amount of medical services and disability accommodations.

Recidivism statistics show that people over the age of 60 present minimal risk to public safety and are least likely to reoffend.

People who spend more than 20 years in prison often “age out of crime,” and undergo significant transformation and rehabilitation.

Rehabilitative Release would...

- allow incarcerated senior citizens (age 60+), who have spent more than 20 years in prison, to petition the courts to be resentenced or released;
- give petitioners a chance to offer evidence of rehabilitation and transformation, and demonstrate their readiness to return to their communities;
- benefit the state by reducing the number of elderly and infirmed people in prison.