

Official Mission Statement

The Alabama Prison Reform Proposal exists to create a safer, smarter, and more humane corrections system that strengthens communities, reduces violence, supports victims, and prepares incarcerated individuals for successful reentry. Our mission is to replace a failing, costly system with one rooted in accountability, rehabilitation, innovation, and human dignity—building a safer Alabama for all.

OFFICIAL TALKING POINTS

- 1-** Alabama's Current Prison Crisis Is a Public Safety Emergency
- 2-** Reform Makes Alabama Safer
- 3-** Reform Reduces Costs and Saves Taxpayer Money
- 4-** Victims and Survivors Must Be Central to Reform
- 5-** Rehabilitation Creates a Skilled Workforce for Alabama
- 6-** Technology and Innovation Strengthen Safety and Oversight
- 7-** The Five Pillars Provide a Roadmap for Real Change
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1- Alabama's Current Prison Crisis Is a Public Safety Emergency

- Alabama operates one of the most violent and overcrowded prison systems in the nation.
- High rates of homicide, overdose, suicide, and staff shortages threaten both incarcerated people and correctional officers.
- A broken corrections system fuels more crime, not less, because people return home untreated, untrained, and traumatized.

2- Reform Makes Alabama Safer

- Evidence-based rehabilitation reduces reoffending by up to 43%.
- Stabilizing facilities and improving staffing reduces violence inside and outside prisons.
- Communities benefit when returning citizens have skills, structure, and support.

3- **Reform Reduces Costs and Saves Taxpayer Money**

- Alabama spent over \$5 billion on prisons in five years with little improvement.
- Educating and rehabilitating an incarcerated person is far cheaper than repeated incarceration.
- Lawsuits, medical costs, and federal oversight drain resources that could support schools, mental health, and public safety.

4- **Victims and Survivors Must Be Central to Reform**

- True accountability includes restitution, repair, and prevention of future harm.
- Restorative justice programs give victims a voice and create meaningful consequences.
- Safer prisons and safer communities protect victims from repeated trauma.

5- **Rehabilitation Creates a Skilled Workforce for Alabama**

- Most people in prison will return to their communities.
- Job training programs in trades, technology, and industry help fill Alabama's labor shortages.
- Partnerships with employers reduce recidivism and support economic growth.

6- **Technology and Innovation Strengthen Safety and Oversight**

- AI-assisted monitoring, improved communication systems, and modernized facilities reduce violence and contraband.
- Digital education tools expand access to college, vocational training, and therapy.
- Transparent data dashboards build public trust.

7- The Five Pillars Provide a Roadmap for Real Change

- Revive — Stabilize facilities, staffing, and safety
- Rehabilitate — Expand education, therapy, addiction treatment
- Rebuild — Create workforce pipelines and job readiness
- Restore — Prioritize victims, families, and community healing
- Release — Support successful reentry and long-term public safety

These pillars transform prisons from warehouses of failure into engines of public safety.

8- Reform Is Not Soft on Crime—It Is Smart on Crime

- Rehabilitation reduces future crime more effectively than punishment alone.
- Accountability must include behavior change, not just confinement.
- A safer Alabama requires breaking the cycle, not repeating it.

9- **Everyone Benefits From a Functional Corrections System**

- Victims
- Families
- Communities
- Employers
- Taxpayers
- Correctional staff
- Law enforcement
- The incarcerated

Reform is a shared investment in Alabama's safety and prosperity.

10- **Alabama Has an Opportunity to Lead the Nation**

With courage, innovation, and bipartisan action, Alabama can become a national model for modern, humane, and effective corrections—just as it once led the nation in civil rights and transformational change.