

## Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

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CINCINNATI, OH At a press conference this morning at Cincinnati City Hall, council members will announce their support in divesting city pensions funds from private prisons. ACLU of Ohio released a statement regarding the positive impact this announcement could have on the future of prisons for profit in Ohio. The following statement is attributable to J. Bennett Guess, Executive Director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio:

"For-profit prisons only create incentives for corporations to lobby for more laws to criminalize more people and feed our already bloated criminal justice system. By taking proactive steps to divest, the Cincinnati City Council will ensure that the pension funds of hard-working city employees and retirees are not being used to perpetuate a mass incarceration scheme and human rights disaster. The ACLU of Ohio applauds Cincinnati's bold, courageous national leadership toward ending the profiteering of imprisonment."

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