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In testimony delivered to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, The Sentencing Project's Assistant Director Marc Maurer identifies the factors responsible for exorbitant U.S. incarceration rates and provides international comparisons.

To read the testimony, download the PDF below.

Increase in number of women incarcerated in the U.S. since 1980

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