**ADVOCACY ALERT SET-UP**

By default all alerts will be restricted to the affiliate’s state.

By default each legislator will be contacted only by their own constituents, unless specified otherwise.

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| **Request from** | ACLU-PA |

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| **Alert Targets** | |
| **State Governor  State Senator  State Representative**  Provide alert targets at least 24 hours in advance. If your alert is on a federal issue or targets federal legislators you must coordinate with national via [federalalert@aclu.org](mailto:federalalert@aclu.org). | |
| **Custom Targets**  **Please provide target full name, title, and email address. Phone number is required for call alerts** | Governor Tom Wolf, [govcorrespcrm@pa.gov](mailto:govcorrespcrm@pa.gov)  Senator Sharif Street, [sharif.street@pasenate.com](mailto:info@senatorsharifstreet.com)  Senator John Rafferty, [jrafferty@pasen.gov](mailto:jrafferty@pasen.gov)  Representative Joanna McClinton, jmcclinton@pahouse.net  Representative Todd Stephens, [tstephen@pahousegop.com](mailto:tstephen@pahousegop.com) |

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| **Alert Headline:** | Stop Pennsylvania from adopting this unfair sentencing tool |

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| **Publish:** | 6/8/2018 | **Expire:** | 6/14/2018 |  |

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| **Alert Landing page**  This content will appear above the alert form. It should be a brief summary of the alert with a clear, compelling call to action. |
| The Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing is considering a proposal that would adopt a risk assessment tool that claims to predict future criminality. That program would then be used by judges as a guide to make sentencing decisions. The problem? The data used in the program has been shown to have significant racial disparities. In a state that already has deep racial disparities in sentencing and overall incarceration, an instrument that uses this problematic data will only lead to a deepening of systemic racism in the criminal justice system. Contact the governor and the state lawmakers who serve on the commission and urge them to reject this proposal. |

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| **Alert subject line:**  This is the subject line the message action target will see in their inbox/ |
| Judges – not statistics – should decide a person’s sentence upon conviction |

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| **Advocacy type by legislature’s issue (select only one)** | | |
| Budget | Homeland security | Military |
| Children / Families | Housing | Reproductive rights |
| Education | Immigration | Senior citizens |
| Elections | Judiciary | Social security |
| Gov’t affairs | Labor | Technology |
| Health | Medicare / Medicaid | Telecommunications |

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| **Email to targets**  It is possible to create unique messages based on the recipient chamber. |
| **Required beginning for email message (not editable by sender):**  Dear [decision maker],  The Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing is considering the adoption of a risk assessment tool that supposedly can predict whether an individual will commit a crime in the future. Judges may then use this tool to decide how harshly to sentence a person who has been convicted of a crime.  I’m writing today to urge you to reject this plan. |
| **Email message body (editable by sender):**  The program under consideration by the commission calculates so-called risk by using data that is not an indicator of actual risk or threat to public safety but instead is a measure of law enforcement activity. A person who lives in a neighborhood with a higher level of police activity will inevitably be at greater risk of arrest, simply by the police presence where they live. And yet the tool uses arrests to define risk.  Pennsylvania already incarcerates people of color at a disproportionately higher rate than white people. Having a computer draw on existing data would only deepen these racial disparities already plaguing our system.  Meanwhile, the commission itself has acknowledged that the program has a rate of inaccuracy of 30-40 percent. |
| **Required ending for email message (not editable by sender):**  This proposal should be rejected. Nobody should ever serve a day in prison more than is just simply because of the color of their skin or because a tool said so.  I hope that you’ll do the right thing and say “no” to a policy that would further cement what is already a criminal justice system steeped in racial disparities.  Thank you for your time,  [signer’s name] |

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| **Confirmation Page**  **Give a good closing argument, thank constituent for taking action and provide for more opportunities to engage using hyperlinks, even if it’s back to your website. Also use this opportunity to promote other actions or events.** |
| Thank you for taking action to stop Pennsylvania from relying on a risk assessment tool that uses racist data in sentencing people who have been convicted of a crime. This is an important criminal justice issue and your lawmakers need to hear from you.  Take the next step and share this alert with your friends:  http://image.actions.aclu.org/lib/fe9315707063007477/m/1/twitter_icon.pngShare on Twitter | http://image.actions.aclu.org/lib/fe9315707063007477/m/1/facebook_small.gifShare on Facebook  -----Tracking code (DO NOT DELETE)------  <img src="https://ms.clicks.actions.aclu.org/conversion?version=1&conversion\_items=1&conversion\_value=0" width=”0” height=”0” > |
| **Twitter share text (140 character limit): I just contacted @senjohnrafferty @repmcclinton @SenSharifStreet @reptoddstephens @governortomwolf to urge them to reject a tool based on racist data to determine the fate of convicted people at sentencing.** |