**\*\*Required. Incomplete forms will be returned. Please submit to** [**cansupport@aclu.org**](mailto:cansupport@aclu.org)**.**

**Sample petition:**

**Petition**

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| **Requested by: \*\*** | ACLU of Connecticut |

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| **Title: \*\*** | Stand Up for Smart Justice in Connecticut |

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| **Submit button text: \*\*** | ACT NOW |

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| **Goal Bar \*\*** | **Include  Do Not Include**  How many signatures are required to meet this goal?  5,000  Minimum total signatures required to show progress.  500  Starter message (This message is displayed when minimum numbers have not been met.)  Start the conversation: show that Connecticut is ready for Smart Justice. |

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| **Landing page content \*\***  This content will appear above the petition form. It should be a brief summary of the petition with a clear, compelling call to action. |
| Connecticut has made progress toward ending mass incarceration, but we have work to do.  Every day, incarceration hurts families, communities, and economies in our state: Connecticut imprisons 334% more people than it did in 1968, an increase that far outpaces population growth and crime. Too often, fair treatment in the justice system still depends on how much money you have or the color of your skin: racial disparities in Connecticut's prisons and jails are among the worst in the country. Formerly incarcerated people have difficulty securing employment, housing, and occupational licenses and face a multitude of other obstacles to reentering society long after they have served their sentences.  **It’s time to turbo charge the effort to create a smarter justice system** that prioritizes strong communities and fairness, not the short-sighted, brutal, and costly impulse to punish.  ACLU Smart Justice Connecticut is working for policies to usher in a new era of justice, where families are thriving because our state has chosen to invest in people, not incarceration, and where every person, from every background, is treated fairly by the justice system. **Together, we can cut Connecticut’s prison and jail populations and end racial inequality in our justice system.**  **Sign the petition**: show Connecticut politicians that our state is ready for Smart Justice. |

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| **Petition Message\*\*** |
| I am a Connecticut resident, and I support ACLU Smart Justice Connecticut.  It is time for Connecticut to cut its prison and jail population, end racial disparities in our state’s justice system, and usher in a new era of justice that prioritizes strong communities and fairness over punishment and incarceration. |

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| **Recent Signer List: \*\*** | Choose whether petition signers can opt-in to having their name displayed on the petition page.  **Include  Do Not Include** |

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| **Custom URL\*\***  **All URL’s start with www.aclu.org/secure/[AffiliateCode]. They are also case sensitive so they should be in lower case.**  **Example: www.aclu.org/petition/ga\_2013\_bill\_of\_rights\_dinner** |
| /petition/ct\_smart\_justice |

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| **Expiration Date and redirect or message \*\*** |
| X Never Expire form ☐ Expire on Date: Click here to enter a date.  Redirect to:  Or message for expired page: |

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| **Social Share Settings \*\***  **Social share buttons show up on the confirmation page. If you would like to have people share your petition, please provide the content below for Twitter, Facebook and Email sharing.** |
| **Twitter:** |
| CT has made progress toward ending mass incarceration & #cjreform, but we have work to do. I took action w/ @acluct to stand with ACLU Smart Justice Connecticut. Join me: [LINK] |
| **Facebook:** |
| Facebook Title: Stand Up for Smart Justice in Connecticut  Facebook Description: It’s time to turbo charge the effort to create a smarter justice system in Connecticut that prioritizes strong communities and fairness, not the short-sighted, brutal, and costly impulse to punish. Together, we can cut Connecticut’s prison and jail populations and end racial inequality in our justice system. Sign the petition: show Connecticut politicians that our state is ready for Smart Justice.  \*\*\*\*\*If you would like a specific image to be shared, please attach an image with your request.\*\*\*\*\* |
| **Email:** |
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| **Confirmation Email\*\***  **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.**  **Disable confirmation email** |
| Thank you for signing the petition to stand with ACLU Smart Justice Connecticut. With your help, we can cut Connecticut’s prison and jail populations and end racial inequality in our justice system. By signing this petition, you’ve shown that Smart Justice isn’t alone in the quest for a free, fair, and just Connecticut — we’ve got you standing with us.  You’ll be hearing more from us in the next few months as we hit the campaign trail. Keep an eye on the ACLU of Connecticut’s website, [www.acluct.org](http://www.acluct.org), make sure you’re following us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/aclu.connecticut) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/acluct) for more frequent updates, and don’t forget to spread the word! Pass this petition on to your friends and family to help build the movement to end mass incarceration in the Constitution State. |

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| **Email Notification \*\***  **Please list the email address for staff members who would like to receive an email notification when a new attendee registers.** |
| mholden@acluct.org |

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| **Right Column Heading \*\***  **Please update if you would like to change the text in the right column above the petition message. There is a 22 character limit in this field.** |
| ACT FOR SMART JUSTICE |