

## WE ARE 1844 NO MORE LET US VOTE!

In one of the greatest expansions of democracy in the past 100 years, **Florida** voters just passed a constitutional amendment to restore voting rights to **1.4 million people** with criminal convictions. The initiative passed with <u>overwhelming bipartisan support</u>, and was backed by supermajorities of Black, white, and Latino voters.

Earlier this year, the **Louisiana** legislature passed a bill with <u>bipartisan support</u> to restore voting rights to about **43,000 people** on parole and probation. And in **New York**, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed an executive order restoring the right to vote to **35,000** people on parole.

In all, **23 states** have restored the fundamental right to vote to people with convictions over the past 20 years.

Now it is New Jersey's turn.

Urge your state legislators to pass, and Governor Murphy to sign, S-2100/A-3456 to restore voting rights to nearly 100,000 people.



## THE CHALLENGE: NEW JERSEY CONTINUES TO DENY THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO VOTE

- New Jersey denies the right to vote to nearly 100,000 people in prison, on parole, or on probation for a felony conviction—more people than live in our capital city of Trenton.
- New Jersey has the largest racial disparities in incarceration rates in the nation. Half of the people who cannot vote because of a conviction are Black, even though Black people make up only about 15% of the state's population.
- More than 5.25% of New Jersey's Black voting age population is prohibited from voting, more than twice that of our neighboring states New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts, and almost twice that of Connecticut.

## THE SOLUTION: ADVOCATE!



It's time for New Jersey to do the right thing and sever the link between voting rights and the criminal justice system.

- Call or write to your state legislators (found at http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members), and express your support for S-2100/A-3456, a historic bill that will restore the fundamental right to vote to nearly 100,000 people in prison, on parole, or on probation. The bill will be up for consideration in both houses during the 2018-2019 legislative session. It is essential that your legislators hear from you!
- Add your organization to the list of over 100 organizations that have signed on in support of the #1844NoMore campaign to restore voting rights to people with criminal convictions by contacting us at justice@njisj.org.
- If you have been or are currently denied the right to vote because of a conviction, contact us at **justice@njisj.org** to share your story.
- Organize a phone bank or postcard writing effort to urge your friends to contact their state legislators.

IT'S TIME FOR NEW JERSEY
TO JOIN THE NATIONWIDE
MOVEMENT TO RESTORE THE
FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO VOTE.

WE ARE 1844 NO MORE.

RAISE YOUR VOICE TO ADVOCATE FOR THE RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS FOR NEARLY 100,000 PEOPLE!

