

Some of us are attempting to reactivate the Massachusetts Chapter of C.U.R.E. (Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants). What follows is a "draft" of our Mission Statement and tentative short form platform.

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## C.U.R.E. MISSION STATEMENT

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has a very unique distinction in that the General Laws of this state mandate that prisoners be rehabilitated. Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 124, § 1, "Powers and Duties of Commissioner of Correction", at section (e), states in part,

"In addition to exercising the powers and performing the duties which are otherwise given him by law, the commissioner of correction shall establish, maintain and administer programs of rehabilitation, including but not limited to education, training and employment, of persons committed to the custody of the department, designed as far as practicable to prepare and assist each such person to assume the responsibilities and exercise the rights of citizen of the Commonwealth."

It is apparent to our organization that the department of correction has engaged in efforts to usurp the legal mandate to rehabilitate here in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Chapter of CURE will work toward the melioration of that failure in accordance with justice and the enhancement of public safety.

### THIS IS OUR PLATFORM:

- \* Re-establishment of a viable commutation system in Massachusetts
- \* Inacting a presumptive parole system focusing on managed successful reintegration to society as well as motivated and effective rehabilitation during incarceration
- \* Effective use of Massachusetts Department of Corrections medical budget which is the 2nd biggest portion of the budget. Cost effective, preventative care is the goal.
- \* Working toward the implementation of compassionate medical release dovetailing into viable commutations and effective parole with more cost effective management of the DOC medical budget.
- \* Work toward realization of the mandated duty that the DOC focus on care and custody that promotes successful reentry and goes beyond security.

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