

THE MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER **OF CURE***

MISSION STATEMENT

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has a very unique distinction in that the General Laws of this state **MANDATE** that prisoners be rehabilitated as stated under the Powers and Duties of the Commissioner of Corrections, M.G.L. Chapter 124, § 1(e):

In addition to exercising the powers and performing the duties which are otherwise given him by law, the commissioner of corrections, shall:

- (e) 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 practicably to prepare and assist each such person to assume the responsibilities and exercise the rights of a citizen of the commonwealth.

It is apparent to our organization that the Department of Corrections 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
- ❖ Enacting 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 releases dovetailing into viable commutations and effective parole with more cost effective management of the D.O.C. medical budget
- ❖ Work toward realization of the mandated duty that the Department of Corrections focus on care and custody that promotes successful reentry and goes beyond a predominant focus of security-only.

* *C.U.R.E. Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants*

An international grassroots organization dedicated to the reduction of crime through the reform of the criminal justice system (especially prison reform). The Massachusetts chapter of the United States Cure would mark the 42nd state chapter.

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