

Not Behind Bars
The Citizens Committee Against Imprisonment
Of People Too Poor to Pay Fines
146 Koenig Road, Bernville, PA 19506
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September 20, 2014

Hon. Mark M. Gillen
408 Irvis Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2128

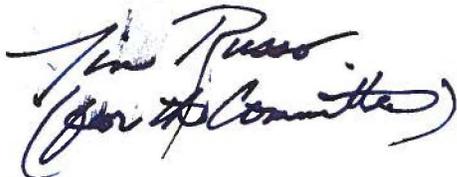
Dear Mr. Gillen:

Members of Not Behind Bars, a Berks County committee, are deeply appreciative of your outstanding efforts to end the imprisonment of people unable to pay truancy fines, their real crime being their poverty. We are pleased to offer you the enclosed petition:

"We the undersigned citizens were deeply disheartened by the needless death last June 7 of Eileen DiNino, the widow imprisoned for being unable to pay truancy fines imposed on two sons by the Berks County authorities. We recognize that current policy gives the Courts inadequate flexibility to deal constructively with cases like Ms. DiNino's but we realize as well that imprisonment of a parent is an ineffective, costly and counterproductive answer to the problem. In the DiNino case, the policy caused the worst possible outcome for her and her children. We were heartened when constructive legislative remedies were proposed, substituting educational and community service solutions for imprisonment of people too poor to pay fines; but the bills are unlikely to be enacted before 2015. Therefore, we call upon the Courts to declare a moratorium on imprisonment of parents and guardians who cannot pay truancy fines, pending adoption of cost-effective legislation. At the very least, we owe this to the memory of Eileen DiNino."

Attached are the signatures of people who endorse this petition and their many eloquent observations. We hope you'll take the time to review them. Your comments are of course invited.

Sincerely yours,



Jim Russo
(for the Committee)

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1. Sr. Elizabeth Trachsel	Religious	9-9-14
2. Sr. Elfrida Berger	"	9-9-2014
3. Sr. Klara Laukather	RELIGIOUS	9-9-2014
4. Sr. Suzanne A. Taylor	Religious	9-9-2014
5. Sr. Susan Makhetha	Religious	9-9-2014
6. Sr. Mary Hanson	"	9-9-2014
7. Sylvia G. Haas	Religious	9-9-2014
8. Rosita Fuentes	Religious	9-9-2014
9. Sr. Anastasia Mallya	Religious	9-9-2014
10. Sr. Mary Bridget Sawada	Religious	9-9-2014
11. Sr. Helene Kung	"	9/15/2014
12. Sr. Nancy Iampietro	"	9-12-14
13. Valeria...	DRE	9-13-14
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1. Nancy Swigart	House Keeping	9/8/14
2. Ann Jones	Retired Registered Nurse	9/10/14
3. Sharron McInley	artist / teacher	9/10/14
4. J. Konrad	retired pt cashier	9/10/14
5. Nancy J. Rohrer	retired / school nurse	9/10/14
6. Mary Arnold	widow & mother	9/10/14
7. Carol Salwinski	retired	9-10-14
8. Mary Rohwell	retired R.E. Appraiser	9-10-14
9. Melissa Holland	retired	9-10-14
10. Barbara Arby	pediatric O.T.	9-10-14
11. Judy Giacoble	retired teacher	9-10-14
12. Diane Boss	Administrator	9-10-14
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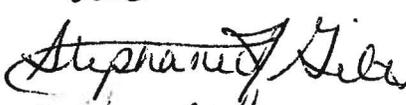
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1. 	Retired	9/7/14
2. 	MANUFACTURING TECHNICIAN	9/7/14
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4. 	Langue Non-Profit ED	9/7/2014
5. 	teacher	9/7/2014
6. 	CPA	9/8/14
7. 	Mgt.	9/8/14
8. 	Retired Educator	9/8/14
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2. <i>Amant Rowland</i>	<i>ENGINEER</i>	<i>8/30/14</i>
3. <i>[Signature]</i>	<i>PROCUREMENT MANAGER</i>	<i>8/30/14</i>
4. <i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Violin Teacher</i>	<i>9/7/14</i>
5. <i>Tiffany Le...</i>	<i>Doctor</i>	<i>9/7/14</i>
6. <i>M. Anne Arnold</i>	<i>XRAY TECH</i>	<i>9-7-14</i>
7. <i>Gay Arnold</i>	<i>RETIRED</i>	
8. <i>Keith Arnold</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>9-7-14</i>
9. <i>Jennifer Arnold</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>9.7.14</i>
10. <i>John Mark</i>	<i>BUSINESS OWNER</i>	<i>9-7-14</i>
11. <i>Katherine Napier</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>9-7-14</i>
12. <i>[Signature]</i>	<i>INSTRUCTOR</i>	<i>9-7-14</i>
13. <i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>7/5/14</i>
14. <i>Dawn Johnson</i>	<i>Nursing</i>	<i>9/7/14</i>
15. <i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>9/7/14</i>
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1. *Frank Dembowski* 9/10/14
2. *Justin D. Spencer, Mayor of the City of Reading* 9/10/14
3. *Jessica Bidon* 9.12.14
4. *Rosemary Schmitt* 9-12-14
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2. Karen Sucher	8/24/2014
3. Gary J. Beecher	8-24-2014
4. Vicki Reinert	8/24/14
5. Michele Pechman	8/24/14
6. W. Clark	8/24/14
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10. Monica Allen	8/24/14
11. Grace Landanski	8/24/14
12. Cynthia A. Mardough	8/24/14
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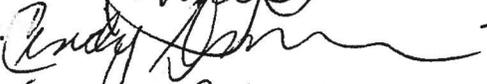
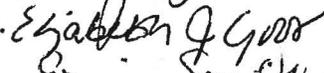
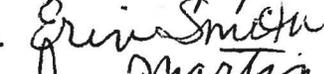
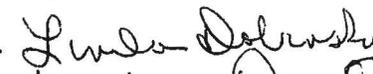
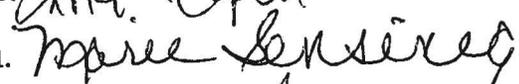
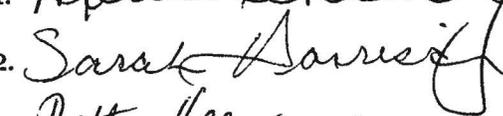
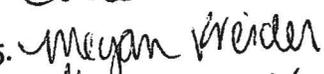
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2. <i>Stephanie M. Sumb</i>	9/2/2014
3. <i>Jeanne Hudak</i>	9/3/14
4. <i>Bob Pasquale</i>	9/8/14
5. <i>Jim Scott</i>	9/9/14
6. <i>Amy LaTourelle</i>	9/9/14
7. <i>Chris Guido</i>	9/9/14
8. <i>Karen Denin</i>	
9. <i>Jenah Franky</i>	9/10/14
10. <i>Yvonne Jannet</i>	9/10/14
11. <i>Sue Heston</i>	9/10/14
12. <i>David Statler</i>	9/10/14
13. <i>Al Sadee, Esquire</i>	9-12-14
14. <i>Annley Brinkley</i>	9-12-14
15. <i>Kate Cirotti</i>	9-12-14

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1. Paul Buchal	9-7-14
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5. Kari Atkine	9/7/14
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12. Sarah L. Weaver	9/9/14
13. Amy Newman	9/10/14
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15. W. Wolf	9/10/14

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2.	<i>Chet Pulgini</i>	<i>9/4/2014</i>
3.	<i>Patricia Amin</i>	<i>9-5-14</i>
4.	<i>Ronda Lusa</i>	<i>9.5.14</i>
5.	<i>E. O'ry</i>	<i>9.5.14</i>
6.	<i>Kate Fleischood</i>	<i>9-5-14</i>
7.	<i>Mary Bishop</i>	<i>9/5/14</i>
8.	<i>Li Huang</i>	<i>9/5/14</i>
9.	<i>Michelle Savara</i>	<i>9/5/14</i>
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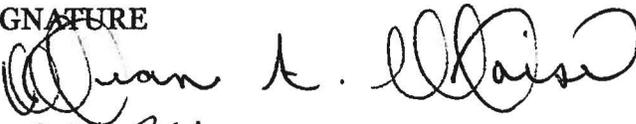
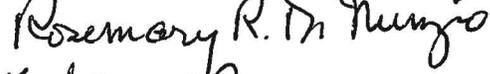
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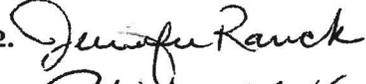
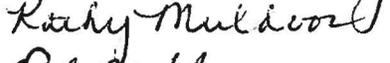
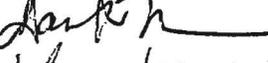
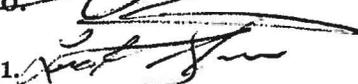
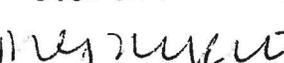
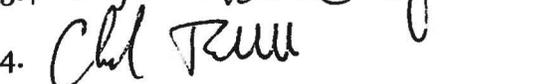
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From: didyoupractice@aol.com
Subject: Fwd: Petition
Date: September 17, 2014 at 8:00 AM
To: jbrusso@aol.com

I am not sure if you meant the signed or unsigned. Here is the signed. I will also forward the unsigned.

-----Original Message-----

From: Janice Thompson <janicethompson448@hotmail.com>
To: didyoupractice <didyoupractice@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Sep 16, 2014 10:22 am
Subject: Petition

Hi Crystal,

I'm sending you what I have. I will be out of town beginning this weekend through the week. Many were interested.

Peace, Janice

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3. Sr. M. Eileen Dabuty 9-10-14
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5. Robin Ball 9/10/2014
6. Len Marrella 9/15/2014
7. MIKE GONZALEZ 9-15-2014

- 8. Steve Oswald 9/15/14
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- 10. Janice Thompson 9/15/14
- 11. Fr. Robert Wiesenbaugh, SJ 9/15/14
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Ormond Beach, FL 32174-5317
Sep 17, 2014

Do the right thing and use your compassion.

Cheryl Gallo
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Sep 16, 2014

Lisa Clopton
East Point, GA 30344
Sep 16, 2014

Cheryl Woolley
Robesonia, PA 19551
Sep 16, 2014

Erin Kraal
Schofer, PA 19530
Sep 16, 2014

I'm from Berks County and hope to return someday, and this story horrified me when it broke. It's time to change the law and help families like this, not imprison them.

Deb Stahl
Rockville, MD 20850
Sep 16, 2014

This policy must be changed!!!!

Linda D. McCormick
Reading, PA 19602
Sep 16, 2014

Lisa frank
Shillington, PA 19607
Sep 16, 2014

Krista Renenger
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Sep 16, 2014

Jennifer Solivan
Allentown, PA 18102
Sep 16, 2014

Please put an end to this. It is not an effective way to help and/or motivate parents with truant children!

Nevin Miller
Kutztown, PA 19530
Sep 16, 2014

Mothers are doing all in their power to raise kids who sometimes don't care about anything why should they be punished she was doing her job as a mom.

Lucia Jackson
Reading, PA 19604
Sep 16, 2014

Randall Newnham
Stony Creek Mills, PA 19606
Sep 16, 2014

Wendy Wentzel
Oley, PA 19547
Sep 16, 2014

Eileen Dinino's death makes it clear that we need productive, flexible and humane solutions to deal with those who are too poor to pay fines. Therefore, I support a moratorium on the imprisonment of parents and guardians who cannot pay truancy fines until constructive remedies can be adopted.

Sandra Fees
Reading, PA 19601
Sep 16, 2014

This is a single incident of many injustices toward poor people in our judicial system.

Mary Jo Weishampel
Reading, PA 19604
Sep 16, 2014

Let's not punish the parents for the wrongs of a child.

Myrna Fredette
Reading, PA 19602
Sep 16, 2014

Carla Mannix
West Lawn, PA 19609
Sep 16, 2014

Tonya Wenger
Akron, PA 17501
Sep 16, 2014

Truant children and their parents should be required to attend parent/child education classes instead of incarceration.

Emily Mills
Womelsdorf, PA 19567
Sep 16, 2014

Linda Goss
Temple, PA 19560
Sep 16, 2014

Eric Boyd
Fleetwood, PA 19522
Sep 16, 2014

Lance Tarnoski
Tuckerton, PA 19605
Sep 15, 2014

stacie knarr
Tuckerton, PA 19605
Sep 15, 2014

Karen Lavigna
Reading, PA 19605
Sep 15, 2014

Amanda Vazquez
Reading, PA 19604
Sep 15, 2014

Shanna Warunek
Laureldale, PA 19605
Sep 15, 2014

Mike Tobias
Reading, PA 19604
Sep 15, 2014

Kim Cichowicz
Reading, PA 19605
Sep 15, 2014

Marlene Pflugfelder
Reading, PA 19604
Sep 15, 2014

Nancee Goodman
Stony Creek Mills, PA 19606
Sep 15, 2014

Daria Stetler
Reading, PA 19601
Sep 15, 2014

Judy Yearian
Reading, PA 19612
Sep 15, 2014

Donna Weyandt
Reading, PA 19605
Sep 15, 2014

Ann Wilson
Norfolk, VA 23518
Sep 15, 2014

Erin
Fleetwood, PA 19522
Sep 14, 2014

Peter Tarnoski
Reading, PA 19605
Sep 14, 2014

Dianne Tarnoski
readingr, PA 19605
Sep 14, 2014

Sandra Bixler
Reading, PA 19607
Sep 14, 2014

amy rimby
temple, PA 19560
Sep 14, 2014

deborah maier
Reading, PA 19602
Sep 14, 2014

Andrea
Graceland, IL 60657
Sep 14, 2014

nathan renninger
lititz, PA 17543
Sep 14, 2014

Janice rohrbach
Boyertown, PA 19512
Sep 14, 2014

Instead of punishing those who are not financially stable, we must help them become a more productive part of the community. By doing this, everyone's quality of life will improve. In June, because of an outdated law and pure negligence my Aunt left eight kids behind. Don't let this happen to another family.

Molly Bierman
Graceland, IL 60657
Sep 14, 2014

Apalling! Yet another example of unequal justice in our country! The judicial system and police should be ashamed!

William Thomas
Mohnton, PA 19540
Sep 14, 2014

christina bierman
reading, PA 19601
Sep 14, 2014

leeahna lamb
paradise, PA 17562
Sep 13, 2014

Jill Snively
Mohnton, PA 19540
Sep 13, 2014

Susan S. McGovern
Shillington, PA 19607
Sep 13, 2014

Parents in jail is not helpful in raising healthy children.

Carol & Keith Orts
Wernersville, PA 19565
Sep 13, 2014

Please don't tell me we can't even get this simple humanitarian gesture through this dysfunctional legislature.

Harriet and Donald Rauenzahn
Reading, PA 19611
Sep 13, 2014

Annelies Visser
Shillington, PA 19607
Sep 13, 2014

Linda Ingram
Yellow House, PA 19518
Sep 13, 2014

It's wrong

carlos
fleetwood, PA 19522
Sep 13, 2014

Chris O'Brien
Mohnton, PA 19540
Sep 12, 2014

Wendy Tobias
Mohrsville, PA 19541
Sep 12, 2014

Donna O'Brien
Mohnton, PA 19602
Sep 12, 2014

No mother should have to sit in jail and worry if everything at home is ok because of truancy fines and not being able to pay.

brian
reading, PA 19604
Sep 12, 2014

Rob Sanchez
Wyomissing Hills, PA 19609
Sep 12, 2014

Henry Graul
Reading, PA 19602
Sep 12, 2014

Kahle Randolph
Robesonia, PA 19551
Sep 12, 2014

Jenn Keener
Bernville, PA 19506
Sep 12, 2014

Eugene Quaglia
Reading, PA 19604
Sep 12, 2014

Cynthia Jimenez
Wyomissing, PA 19610-3003
Sep 12, 2014

Tina Walton
Reading, PA 19601
Sep 12, 2014

Kathleen & Steven Conrad
Fleetwood, PA 19522
Sep 12, 2014

Tennille Miller
Laureldale, PA 19605
Sep 12, 2014

Taylor Lamborn
Shillington, PA 19607-9404
Sep 12, 2014

Lisa evans
BERNVILLE, PA 19506
Sep 12, 2014

Vicki Miller
Tuckerton, PA 19605
Sep 12, 2014

Deb Kemmerling
Reading, PA 19606
Sep 12, 2014

and the investigations found no error with the incarcerating institution? equal justice ?

Francis J Kosloski
wernersville, PA 19565
Sep 12, 2014

Please see that this barbaric practice is stopped.

Shannon Haig
Wyomissing, PA 19609
Sep 12, 2014

Mark Allain
Mohnton, PA 19540
Sep 12, 2014

maxine seidel
reading, PA 19607
Sep 12, 2014

No jail for being poor!

Miguel Nieves
Reading, PA 19611
Sep 12, 2014

Cynthia Sroka
West Lawn, PA 19609
Sep 12, 2014

Bobbi Jo
Shillington, PA 19607
Sep 12, 2014

Drea
Reading, PA 19604
Sep 12, 2014

no comment

stephen
wyomissing, PA 19610
Sep 11, 2014

This should be for parking tickets as well

Karen Dawson
reading, PA 19602

Sep 11, 2014

Karen Engle
Reading, PA 19611
Sep 11, 2014

John Wood
Boston, MA 02135
Sep 11, 2014

melissa koppel
Woodchoppertown, PA 19512
Sep 11, 2014

Katie O
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Sep 11, 2014

Mary Daly
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Sep 11, 2014

Reinaldo Rodriguez
Reading, PA 19601
Sep 11, 2014

patricia alvarez
reading, PA 19602
Sep 11, 2014

Loni N. Pottieger
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Sep 11, 2014

SMoore
Reading, PA 19604
Sep 11, 2014

Russ Schrantz
Hellertown, PA 18055
Sep 11, 2014

Dianna Price
Reading, PA 19611
Sep 11, 2014

Virginia Dickinson
Reading, PA 19602
Sep 11, 2014

Rachel
Mohnton, PA 19540
Sep 11, 2014

jenni lee rodriguez
reading, PA 19604
Sep 11, 2014

George Speros Maniatty, Jr.
Allentown, PA 18102
Sep 11, 2014

Cristina Dela
wyomissing, PA 19610
Sep 11, 2014

Lissa H.
Schofer, PA 19530
Sep 11, 2014

Donnamaria Olivieri
READING, PA 19601
Sep 11, 2014

Jorge Rodriguez
Reading, PA 19601
Sep 11, 2014

Joseph Figueroa
Bethlehem, PA 18015
Sep 11, 2014

Lisa Danby
Reading, PA 19601
Sep 11, 2014

Sugeiry
READING, PA 19607
Sep 11, 2014

Kalia Foreman
Reading, PA 19604
Sep 11, 2014

trisha tarnoski
reading, PA 19605
Sep 11, 2014

J Zellner Kemmerer
Fleetwood, PA 19522
Sep 11, 2014

Antoinette Vasquez
Reading, PA 19603
Sep 11, 2014

debra soltis
Tuckerton, PA 19605
Sep 11, 2014

Joanna Sychterz
Reading, PA 19608
Sep 10, 2014

Lance
Reading, PA 19605
Sep 10, 2014

ROBIN
Tuckerton, PA 19605
Sep 10, 2014

Jessica I Flamholz
Mohnton, PA 19540
Sep 10, 2014

Olga Mantilla
Reading, PA 19611
Sep 10, 2014

Julie Zaorski
South Heidelberg Twp, PA 19608
Sep 10, 2014

Tammy Furman Smey
Robesonia, PA 19551
Sep 10, 2014

Lisa E. Candelaria
Shillington, PA 19607
Sep 10, 2014

Frank Kadel
Mohnton, PA 19540
Sep 10, 2014

erika tarnoski
reading, PA 19605
Sep 10, 2014

Cynthia Kadel
Mohnton, PA 19540
Sep 10, 2014

andi
Stony Creek Mills, PA 19606
Sep 10, 2014

mothers have enough responsibility without going to jail

Teresa Benzel
Bernville, PA 19506
Sep 10, 2014

Sally Roth
Fleetwood, PA 19522
Sep 10, 2014

Anne Ahrens
Appleton, WI 54915
Sep 10, 2014

Dennis Hartenstine
Birdsboro, PA 19508-8036
Sep 10, 2014

jennifer olafsen
mohnton, PA 19540
Sep 10, 2014

I say sue the BCJS

Jodi Snyder
Dauberville, PA 19533
Sep 10, 2014

Charles Dinino
Reading, PA 19601
Sep 10, 2014

Why are parents being punished in the first place? What is a child learning if they are not the ones held responsible? Give the child community service until his or her bill is paid!

Betty Weaver
Fleetwood, PA 19522
Sep 10, 2014

Rick Allen
Reading, PA 19607
Sep 10, 2014

Heather Tolentino
Kutztown, PA 19530
Sep 10, 2014

Leslie Bierman
Tuckerton, PA 19605
Sep 10, 2014

If this is not tyranny ! Then we don't know what is.

Sons of Liberty Militia Stiney
Shillington, PA 19607
Sep 10, 2014

Jamieson Klewec
Leesport, PA 19533
Sep 10, 2014

Betty Ann Cordaro
Wernersville, PA 19565
Sep 10, 2014

She was my sister in law she was a good person and a loving mother. She did not deserve to die this way.

jean Bierman
reading, PA 19601
Sep 9, 2014

Why keep punishing the poor. Stop wasting my tax dollars, put the kid on community service

Lyra Talarico
Mohnton, PA 19540
Sep 9, 2014

My biggest issue with the law is how does one make a teenager comply if he or she chooses not to attend school. Some of these kids are much bigger then their parents and can be quite belligerent. Maybe the kids need to be held accountable.

Jacqueline baziuk
Laureldale, PA 19605
Sep 9, 2014

Richard Geedey
Mohnton, PA 19540
Sep 9, 2014

Jim Keller
West Reading, PA 19611
Sep 9, 2014

Susan Shaak
Reading, PA 19606
Sep 9, 2014

Christopher Youse
Reading, PA 19606
Sep 9, 2014

This death was needless and very sad

Sue Bernhard
Mertztown, PA 19539
Sep 9, 2014

julie myers
danville, PA 17821
Sep 9, 2014

Francis Gachomba
Reading, PA 19601
Sep 8, 2014

We won't arrest our way out of the truancy problem. All this policy does is fill up jails, at great cost to the taxpayers and no benefit of improvement for the truants.

Felix Pena
Reading, PA 19606-3520
Sep 8, 2014

The parents already know they can't control their kids, they need help which isn't available in jail.

jane Beck
Mohnton, PA 19540
Sep 7, 2014

Poverty is now criminalized in the U.S.

Scott Norman Rosenthal
Philadelphia, PA 19143
Sep 6, 2014

Nancy Cone Keeton, M.D.
Hershey, PA 17033
Sep 5, 2014

A moral and social disgrace

James Herron
Alburtis, PA 18011
Sep 3, 2014

Fletcher
Seattle, WA 98133
Sep 2, 2014

Mary Jones
Oshkosh, WI 54902
Sep 2, 2014

Glad to help stop these barbaric practices!

Laura/Tommy Wilbon
Buchanan, VA 24066
Sep 2, 2014

Mia Levesque
Philadelphia, PA 19147
Sep 2, 2014

Though I am not from Berkshire Co., I want to support this petition. Imprisoning poor people for debt is outrageous!

Carolyn Karcher
Washington, DC 20003
Sep 2, 2014

I sign my name in order that no senseless tragedy like Eileen Denini situation should ever occur again!

Howard Murray
Derry, PA 15627
Sep 1, 2014

This sort of heartless behavior does not establish justice nor does it remedy the issue of truancy. What does this say to the civilized world about our society, our priorities?

Simon P. Sibelman
Boone, NC 28607
Sep 1, 2014

Mayola Kalkstein
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
Sep 1, 2014

Beck Stoffel
Oshkosh, WI 54901
Sep 1, 2014

Blair Seitz
West Reading, PA 19611
Aug 28, 2014

Mark VanderGaag
Chalfont, PA 18914
Aug 26, 2014

I grew up in Berks County and though I live in Maryland presently, I spend weekends in Blandon PA caring for my mother. I am horrified to think that struggling parents would be thrown in jail due to the inability to pay truancy fines. I cannot even fathom the rationale behind such legislation and that the correction of such legislation is being postponed is horrendous. How many deaths does it take to bring awareness to a faulty system? Apparently in Pennsylvania, one is not enough for the law makers.

Marybeth McAfee
Baltimore, MD 21218
Aug 26, 2014

Darlington Hoopes, Jr.
Wyomissing, PA 19610-1147
Aug 25, 2014

Diane Bobchak
Coraopolis, PA 15108
Aug 25, 2014

H. Mackey
Philadelphia, PA 19126
Aug 25, 2014

Shari Walczak
State College, PA 16801
Aug 25, 2014

This was a terrible tragedy that should never have happened. It is barbaric to imprison a parent for a child's truancy.

Peggy Hansen
Oley, PA 19547
Aug 24, 2014

End this insensible, incomprehensible policy of imprisoning poor parents of truent children. I am ashamed to be loving and living in Pennsylvania. Surely the judges need to step down from the bench and reunite with basic ethics and morals . We all need to do some critical thinking and problem solving with social workers to address such problems. Given the poor quality of many of our schools, is it any wonder the kids were truant? We must have alternatives to rigid laws, insensitive judges, ineffective schools, poor neighborhoods and begin now. MoveOn should support this petition.

Monica McAghon
Easton, PA 18042
Aug 24, 2014

Robert Grace
Bryn Athyn, PA 19009
Aug 24, 2014

John Herr
East Petersburg, PA 17520
Aug 24, 2014

Sandra Clark
Erie, PA 16509
Aug 24, 2014

Judy Geiser
Reading, PA 19604
Aug 24, 2014

Charles Casey
Phila., PA 19137
Aug 24, 2014

Ian Smith
Doylestown, PA 18901

Aug 24, 2014

Ed Young
Harleysville, PA 19438
Aug 24, 2014

Dr. Leslie Patrick
Mifflinburg, PA 17844
Aug 24, 2014

the concept of debt prisons is medieval.

E J Morrissey
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Aug 24, 2014

Sotonius Quinn
Philadelphia, PA 19131
Aug 24, 2014

Ron Sgrignuoli
Reading, PA 19607
Aug 24, 2014

Miriam O. Garey
Reading, PA 19606
Aug 24, 2014

Richard
Carlisle, PA 17015
Aug 24, 2014

How does one expect an economically challenged individual to pay this kind of fine?

Chris G
Philadelphia, PA 19148
Aug 24, 2014

Jeanne Urik
Kittanning, PA 16201
Aug 24, 2014

Kathy Fox
Bethlehem, PA 18017
Aug 24, 2014

Imprison a single parent for their children's' truancy? What happens to the children then? This is the sort of thing that Socrates must have had in mind when he observed that "The law is an ass!"

Michael von Plato
West Chester, PA 19382
Aug 24, 2014

Now I see why they are building more jails instead of schools. Putting poor mothers or anyone in jail because they can't pay fines for something that I'm sure they have tried to get a handle on and it just didn't work. There has to be another method to get the point that truant children can't learn, but placing poor women in prison to accomplish that principle is sad as well as cruel. I don't think putting truant parents and mothers in jail is going to remedy the real problem. Wow!

Janey Perry
Hawley, PA 18428
Aug 24, 2014

Stanley Shapiro
Philadelphia, PA 19119
Aug 24, 2014

Judith Levine
Drexel Hill, PA 19026
Aug 24, 2014

Paul Harvey
Derry, PA 15627
Aug 23, 2014

Anneke Ransijn
Reading, PA 19609
Aug 23, 2014

It is against the US Constitution to have a person thrown into prison for being unable to pay his / her debts. So, Berks County is violating the Constitution for imprisoning people who are unable to pay their debts (in this case a fine; but, a fine is still a bill.) !!!!!

Walton Smith
Lehigh, PA 18235
Aug 23, 2014

Catharine Otto
Philadelphia, PA 19114
Aug 23, 2014

Rita S
Lancaster, PA 17603
Aug 23, 2014

Don Dingledine
Oshkosh, WI 54901
Aug 23, 2014

Richard Schindler
Meadville, PA 16335
Aug 23, 2014

Lawrence M. Lengel
Waynesboro,, PA 17268
Aug 23, 2014

Amanda Kavitt
Riegelsville, PA 18077
Aug 23, 2014

Louisa Abney-Babcock
Perkiomenville, PA 18074
Aug 23, 2014

Duane Stanton
Kimberton, PA 19442
Aug 23, 2014

Carla colangelo
Allentown, PA 18104
Aug 23, 2014

Julie Russo
Oshkosh, WI 54901
Aug 23, 2014

Jessica George
Hawley, PA 18428
Aug 23, 2014

J B Yoder
Manheim, PA 17545
Aug 23, 2014

Heather Ehrlich
Stony Creek Mills, PA 19606
Aug 23, 2014

Jennifer Elbert
Coppell, TX 75019
Aug 23, 2014

Cam
Kensington, CA 94706
Aug 23, 2014

This is outrageous a modern day debtors prison

Blaine Dixon
Novato, CA 94948
Aug 22, 2014

Jeff Arnold
Petaluma, CA 94954
Aug 22, 2014

Lee Pickett, VMD
Bernville, PA 19506
Aug 22, 2014

Douglas Linderman
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Aug 22, 2014

Beverly Munsing
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Aug 22, 2014

The overwhelming majority of those imprisoned for truancy fines continue to be women. I oppose sex-unequal standards of punishment.

Erika Rist
Chicago, IL 60515
Aug 22, 2014

End the criminalization of poverty and this practice which discriminates against poor women.

Angela Anderson
Richmond, CA 94804
Aug 22, 2014

Cindy Chronistet
South Heidelberg Twp, PA 19608
Aug 22, 2014

As Chaplain of a local college, I feel the urgency of this appeal. Many of our students come from low-income backgrounds...this story could have been theirs.

Paul Clark
Reading, PA 19601

Aug 22, 2014

Jane Palmer
Reading, PA 19610
Aug 22, 2014

Sandra Debiec
Reading, PA 19609
Aug 22, 2014

Danielle DeLong
South Heidelberg Twp, PA 19608
Aug 22, 2014

William DELUCCIA
Indialantic, FL 32903
Aug 22, 2014

Helen McCall
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Aug 22, 2014

Sharon DeNapoli
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Aug 22, 2014

Patricia Amin
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Aug 21, 2014

Michelle Sallee
Wernersville, PA 19565
Aug 21, 2014

Maria Kowalski
Nashville, TN 37210
Aug 21, 2014

Zachary Anderson
Richmond, CA 94804
Aug 21, 2014

Policies that allow for the imprisonment of people due to their lack of money are unjust.

Crystal Kowalski
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Aug 21, 2014

Jim Russo
Bernville, PA 19506
Aug 21, 2014

End Imprisonment of Impoverished Mothers of Truant Students

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We recognize that current County policy gives the Courts inadequate flexibility to deal constructively with cases like Mrs. Dinino's but we realize as well that imprisonment of a parent is an ineffective, costly and counterproductive answer to the problem. In the Dinino case, the policy caused the worst possible outcome for Ms. Dinino and her children.

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4 Leira Arguinzon	545 Birch St. Reading
5 Noah Ayala	300 Lacawana St. Reading
6 Wayne Johnson	1013 Penn ST Reading, Pa
7 Darius Lee	526 Franklin St Reading
8 MITCH A UCZYNSKI	428 MARCH ST. SHILLINGTON
9 Meg Greco	108 Shoneck rd, Lancaster Pa
10 Matthew Bone	358 Walnut Rd Reading PA
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34 Jay Williams	928 Summit chase dr Rdy P
35 Vance Langston	200 Kothermel Blvd Rdy Pa 19602
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Reconocemos que la ley de hoy y sus practicas le dejan a las Cortes poca flexibilidad para tratar de manera constructiva casos como el de la Sra. DiNino, pero reconocemos también que el encarcelamiento es un remedio inefectivo y de alto costo que en esta instancia resulto en el peor resultado posible para la Sra. DiNino y sus hijos.

Estamos alientados por la reciente introducción en Harrisburg de propuestas legislativas constructivas que sustituyen y acaban con la imposición de sentencias de cárcel por soluciones basadas en educación y servicio comunitario para la gente demasiada pobre para pagar multas. También reconocemos que esta legislación probablemente no se podrá ni debatir antes del 2015.

Por esto, llamamos a las Cortes de Berks County a que declaren una moratoria al encarcelamiento de padres/guardianes por no pagar multas de ausentismo ("Truancy fines") hasta que remedios efectivos como la capacitación de padres y requisitos de servicio comunitario sean promulgadas por la mancomunidad.

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End Imprisonment of Impoverished Mothers of Truant Students

To be delivered to Judges of the Magisterial District Court of Berks County, Pennsylvania
We the undersigned citizens of Berks County were deeply disheartened by the needless death of Eileen Dinino last June 7, the widow imprisoned for being unable to pay the truancy fines imposed on two of her sons by the Berks County authorities. #

We recognize that current County policy gives the Courts inadequate flexibility to deal constructively with cases like Mrs. Dinino's but we realize as well that imprisonment of a parent is an ineffective, costly and counterproductive answer to the problem. In the Dinino case, the policy caused the worst possible outcome for Ms. Dinino and her children. #

We were heartened when constructive legislative remedies were proposed in Harrisburg, substituting education-based and community service solutions for imprisonment of people too poor to pay fines, but the bills are now stalled and unlikely even to be debated before 2015.

Therefore, we call upon the Courts of Berks County to declare a moratorium on imprisonment of parents and guardians who cannot pay truancy fines, pending adoption of cost-effective legislation to address truancy. At the very least, we owe this to the memory of Eileen Dinino. #

Background:

Berks County residents, alarmed by the in-prison death a widowed mother of seven, discovered that the Court system's policy is to jail the parents of truant children if they cannot pay the children's truancy fines. Concerned citizens who had been unaware of the policy until the woman's death was reported, and who found that corrective legislation was moribund in Harrisburg, concluded that only the force of organized public opinion could foster a change in policy. For that reason, they decided to draft and promote this Petition. #

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