A Call for Accountability in the Department of Corrections

Brief Two: Failures in Revocation and GPS Monitoring

On the heels of the successful and continuing 11X15 Campaign for Justice, WISDOM unveils REFORM NOW, a campaign to illuminate failures, share stories, offer solutions and call for accountability at the DOC.

The 11X15 campaign aims to reduce the state prison population from 22,000 to 11,000 by 2015. In fighting for this goal, WISDOM discovered a lack of accountability on issues such as parole, solitary confinement, revocation and compassionate release, among others. REFORM NOW will share data and information on these issues in briefs and at monthly press conferences from July through October, culminating in the release of a report on the Department of Corrections in November 2014.

We acknowledge the dedicated efforts of many at the DOC. But as people committed to justice, fiscal responsibility and public safety, we insist that Governor Walker use the authority granted by the people of Wisconsin to reform this cruel, unjust, inefficient and dangerous system NOW.

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