



RAPP'S STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Our aim is to promote and witness a process and procedure established whereby elderly people incarcerated in New York State, who have already served considerable time behind the walls and are no longer a threat to public safety, are given fair and inclusive release consideration.

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RAPP CAMPAIGN

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RELEASE AGING PEOPLE IN PRISON (RAPP)

THE CRISIS ▶ the number of aging people in New York State prisons is skyrocketing, confining thousands of seniors to cruel and degrading conditions.

[The number of incarcerated people ages 55+ in New York has increased by 64% in the past decade, even as the total number of people locked up has fallen by 15,000 during the same period.]

WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE ▶ NY routinely denies parole and compassionate release to aging people in prison—even people who pose no risk to public safety and are prepared to successfully re-enter and contribute to society.

[The recidivism rate of people who have served long sentences for serious felonies is 1.3%—lower than any other category of those released.]

OUR CAMPAIGN ▶ RAPP is mobilizing advocates, formerly incarcerated people, men and women inside, family members, and concerned citizens to demand that New York **RELEASE INCARCERATED ELDERS WHO HAVE ALREADY SERVED CONSIDERABLE TIME AND WHO POSE NO THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY!**

THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY OR ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS? In 2013, an 86-year-old man, having served 40 years for felonies committed in the 1970s—crimes that were serious but caused no deaths—came before the parole board. He is confined to a wheelchair, suffers from a serious neuromuscular disorder, asthma, high blood pressure, cancer and other ailments. Prison officials call him a peacemaker and protector of the vulnerable. He has a place to live and people to support him when he is released.

Parole decision? Denied. The reason? The “probability” that he would reoffend and the notion that his release would “undermine respect for the law.” Today, he remains in the medical wing of an upstate prison.

His case is a devastating example of the culture of permanent punishment that guides our justice system and senselessly keeps thousands behind bars. Caging the ill and elderly violates basic concepts of decency and human rights and wastes financial and human resources, while doing nothing to enhance public safety.

This cruelty must be stopped.

GET INVOLVED

Contact RAPP Director Mujahid Farid at 212-254-5700 ext. 317 or mfarid@correctionalassociation.org
OR come to a coalition meeting, held at 6:15pm the first Wednesday of the month at
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