

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to express my profound opposition to the proposed change to the California Constitution that would grant voting rights to currently incarcerated convicted felons. This policy demonstrates a complete disregard for the rule of law, public safety, and the quality of life of law-abiding citizens who have managed to live their lives without resorting to criminal activities. In recent times, we have witnessed an alarming trend of emptying prisons under the guise of COVID-related concerns, and the reluctance of progressive prosecutors to charge individuals with felonies. As a result, obtaining a felony conviction has become a rare and exceptional occurrence. It is disheartening to see that the gravity of such convictions is being undermined and diminished by these actions. Furthermore, the notion of pursuing proportional representation in every aspect of life is not only absurd but also an idea that only the intellectual elite would embrace. Such a flawed vision fails to acknowledge the inherent differences among individuals and overlooks the merits of hard work, individual responsibility, and personal accountability. It is a folly that no ordinary person could endorse. Yet, it appears that credit must be given where it is due. You have managed to gain support and win elections by championing misguided policies that seek to tear down the very fabric of our society. The pursuit of a Socialist utopia and the belief that you can succeed where Marx failed is nothing short of a perilous endeavor. Perhaps you are counting on a never-ending climate emergency to consolidate power and implement your agenda. Such an approach is disingenuous and manipulative, using legitimate concerns about the environment to further your political ambitions. In conclusion, I implore you to reconsider your stance on granting voting rights to convicted felons and to prioritize the well-being and safety of law-abiding citizens. It is time to uphold the principles of justice, protect the rule of law, and preserve the rights and freedoms that have made this country great.