



Sample Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Connecticut is one of five states to spend more on prisons than on higher education. I was shocked when I learned this at a recent forum held at **LOCATION**. My hard-earned tax dollars are funding failure instead of success.

In these tough times, I'm concerned about making sure that **YOUR TOWN** children have access to good schools and to the community services that can help them succeed. I don't see how we can adequately support our children when our resources are so focused on incarceration, mainly of kids who have committed non-violent offenses. We are criminalizing behaviors that can be addressed much less expensively and more effectively outside the juvenile justice system. I hope that **YOUR TOWN** and the state will take a hard look at this issue. I would much rather pay taxes to help kids and prevent crime than to cope with its aftermath.

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