



Sample petition

I believe that every child should have the opportunity to grow into a happy and productive adult. As a taxpayer, I know it's in my best interest to get youth ready to contribute to the economy rather than be a drain on it. I am distressed that Connecticut is one of five states that spends more on incarceration than on higher education. I am committed to:

policies that will give more of Connecticut's children the chance to succeed by reducing school based arrests, truancy and racial disparity;

programs that get kids back on the right path rather than push them further down the wrong one;

reforms that will raise achievement and engagement in struggling schools.

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