

## **CALL TO RESIST: Decarceration**

### **Lent 6: Week of April 10**

The prison industrial complex in our country is racist and broken. There is no such thing as criminal justice in the United States. The modern [Abolition Movement](#) is at work to change things, and as people of faith, we need to support this work.

- **Learn More, thanks to Black Lives Matter:** “Shutting Down Jails and Building Up Movements” Part 1 <https://youtu.be/Lc-hovtcCjk> and Part 2 <https://youtu.be/OaLy7U8PvNo>
- **Prayerfully consider joining SURJ Boston** (Showing Up For Racial Justice) – and their Prison Abolition Action Partnership: a working group of SURJ Boston working in solidarity with people directly impacted by incarceration, the prison industrial complex, and policing to fight for an end to prisons and build a new vision for justice and liberation.
- **Prison Construction Moratorium:** We’re at a critical moment in our fight to pass the Jail and Prison Construction Moratorium Bill. The House version of the Moratorium Bill is stuck in the Judiciary Committee and has to be voted out by April 15. We’re continuing to push for the Senate Bill to get to a floor vote! Call Chairman Day in support of the Prison Construction Moratorium Bill! Rep. Michael Day 617-722-2396, Chair, Joint Committee on the Judiciary: Sample script:  
“Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a member of Boston’s Church of the Covenant, and I’m calling in support of An Act Establishing A Jail and Prison Construction Moratorium. I urge you to vote this bill favorably out of committee and shift spending to what communities really need to thrive—housing, treatment, healthcare and education!”
- [Sign this petition](#) to terminate Harold Adams’ 50 year old life sentence. And take this [additional step to write a letter](#).

- **Advocate for FREE Calls Home for People Incarcerated:**

Some children can't afford to talk with their dad in prison for help with homework. Some mothers aren't able to talk to their children who are in jail. One third of families with a family member in jail or [prison go into debt because of the cost of contacting their loved ones](#). Staying in touch with family is one of [the most important things for coming home and staying home](#).

Many people simply can't afford that right now. H1900/S1559 [would change that](#). Let's advocate in support of no-cost calls for incarcerated people in MA. [Check out this toolkit](#) to learn more.

TAKE ACTION: Contact Senate President Spilka and House Speaker Mariano, Tweet: @KarenSpilka @RonMariano "Wake up and smell the roses! It's time for #NoCostCalls in Massachusetts! #mapoli <http://nocostcallsma.org/>"

- Post on Instagram, and please put the following hashtags on the post! : #NoCostCalls #mapoli
- Post on Facebook: Senate President Spilka and House Speaker Mariano, wake up and smell the roses! It's time for #NoCostCalls in Massachusetts! #mapoli
- Be sure to contact Senate President Spilka and House Speaker Mariano and let them know you support H1900 and S1559. Speaker Mariano (617) 722-2500 or [Ronald.Mariano@mahouse.gov](mailto:Ronald.Mariano@mahouse.gov); Senate President Spilka (617) 722-1500 or [Karen.Spilka@masenate.gov](mailto:Karen.Spilka@masenate.gov)