



Massachusetts Statewide Harm  
Reduction Coalition (SHaRC)  
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## Support House Bill 1723 An Act Relative To Incarceration and Its Impact on Public Safety

This bill establishes a five-year moratorium on the construction/expansion of new jails, houses of corrections, and prisons. It also creates a Special Commission to study issues related to overcrowding in jails, the effectiveness of incarceration when dealing with populations with mental illness and substance abuse treatment needs, and alternatives to sentencing for more humane and cost-effective means of protecting public safety.

**Mass incarceration must end.** The Massachusetts Statewide Harm Reduction Coalition (SHaRC) is calling for a *moratorium on all new jail/prison construction and expansion in the state of Massachusetts*. Please join us in this call to action.

*I, the undersigned, request Massachusetts government officials vote YES on Massachusetts House Bill H1723. I request that monies saved be reinvested in public safety by reallocating Department of Correction dollars to finance education, housing, healthcare (including treatment on demand), jobs, parks and other public spaces.*

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