

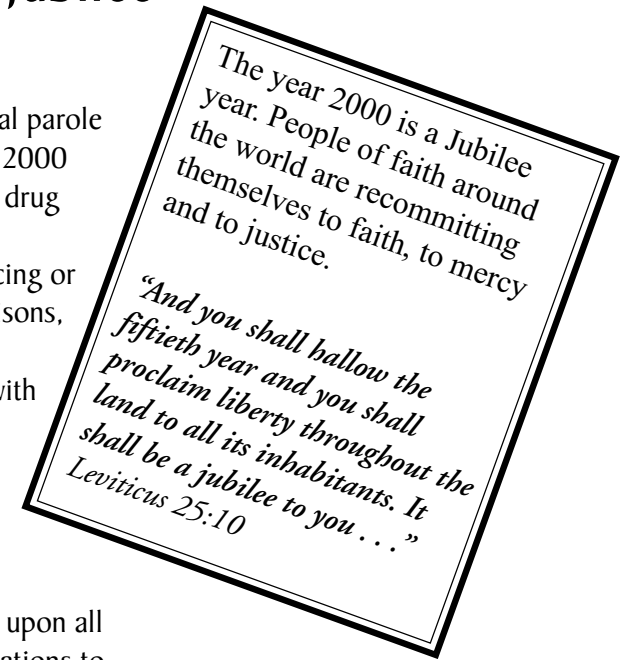
# A Petition for Justice in the Spirit of Jubilee To President William Jefferson Clinton

The length of federal prison sentences has grown astronomically due to the abolition of federal parole in 1984 and the passage of mandatory minimum sentencing beginning in 1986. By the end of the year 2000 there will be 150,000 people imprisoned in the federal prison system, and about 60% will be serving drug sentences.

These laws were changed without advice or consultation from any agency with expertise in sentencing or enforcement. There was no consultation from the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Prisons, any federal judges or the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

Laws that promised to take drug kingpins out of business have been misused and fill our prisons with minor drug participants instead. In 1998 only 43 of the 20,614 people sent to federal prison were sentenced as kingpins.

We ask that as part of your legacy you will stand for justice and commute the sentences of all nonviolent federal prisoners who have served at least 5 years of their sentence to "time served", thus allowing them to return to their families. We ask you to immediately establish a process and commit the resources to review all federal cases of nonviolent drug offenders. We ask you to immediately call upon all current and former federal judges, prosecutors and Bureau of Prison personnel to submit recommendations to you of prisoners who might qualify for a Presidential commutation of sentence.



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