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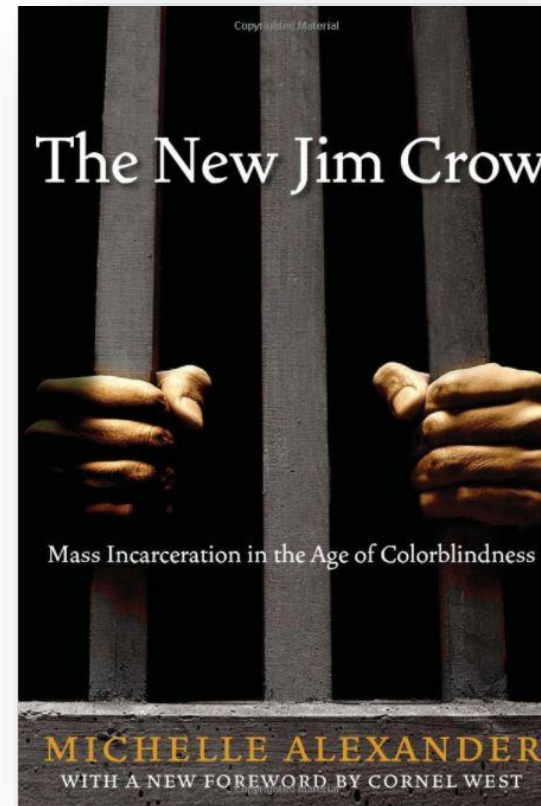
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The New Jim Crow  
by  
Michelle  
Alexander

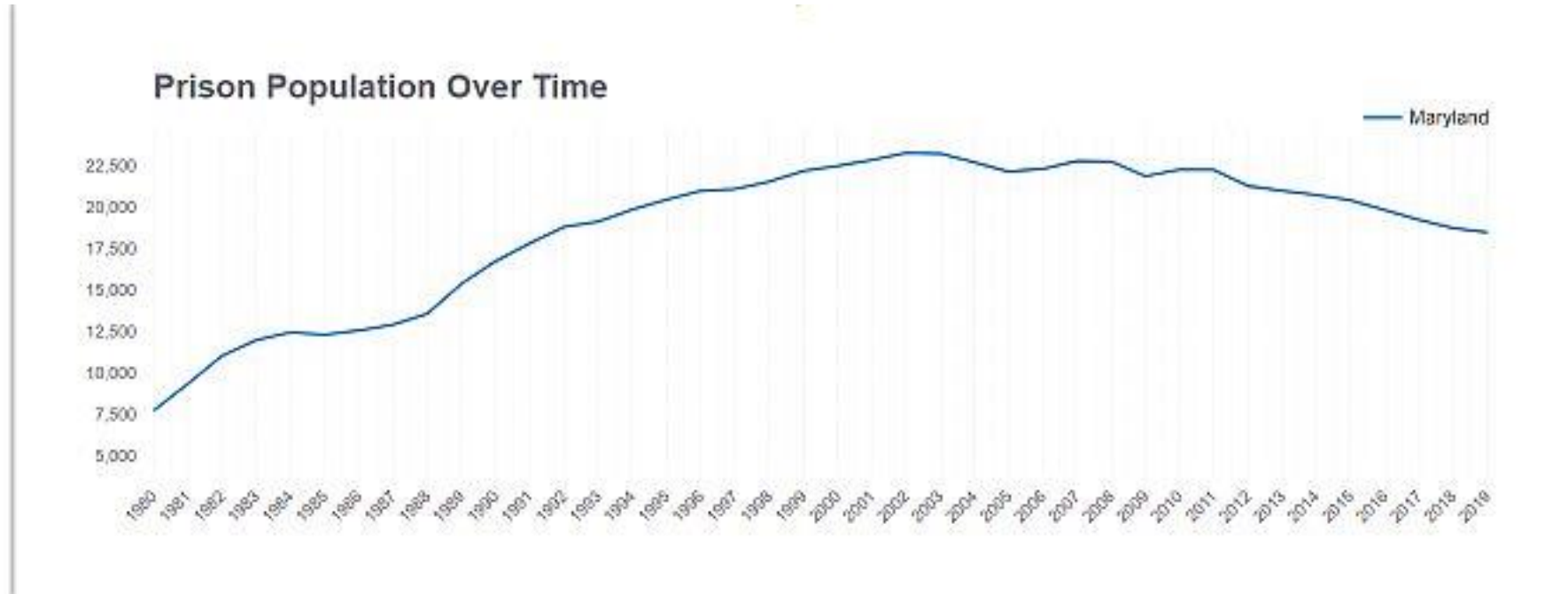


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## Maryland Incarceration



Compare your state's prison numbers: <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/profiles/MD.html>



# Maryland Justice Reinvestment Act of 2016

POLITICS

## Maryland House approves criminal justice overhaul

By MICHAEL DRESSER  
THE BALTIMORE SUN  
APR 04, 2016 AT 8:12 PM

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OUR SAY OPINION

## Our say: Justice Reinvestment Act is a milestone

APR 17, 2016 AT 3:00 AM



GEORGETOWN LAW / Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law & Policy

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# The Justice Reinvestment Act: An Opportunity for Change and Progress in Maryland

DECEMBER 6, 2017 | by bmc85



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# MAJR website

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## Home

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We are working together to address the problem of mass incarceration in Maryland in several ways. We invite you to join us to accomplish our goals:

- To fully support alternatives to incarceration where appropriate;
- To save taxpayer dollars and reallocate the savings to build safer communities;
- To strengthen Maryland communities by supporting families, helping people returning from jails and prisons lead productive lives, and preventing crime;
- To end inequities in our justice system.

- **Alternatives to incarceration**
- **Taxpayer savings**
- **Strong communities**
- **Ending inequities**



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The automatic expungements would apply to anyone previously found guilty of simple

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## Issue Briefs

Below is a list of the issue briefs prepared by MAJR to inform our legislators on a variety of initiatives.

### 2022

[Juvenile Interrogation](#)

[Juvenile Justice – Courts](#)

[Employment Barriers](#)

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[Prosecutorial discretion](#)

[Marijuana legalization and regulation](#)

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[Covid-19 in Maryland Prisons & Jails](#)

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[Maryland Second Look Act](#)

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## Individuals

We are growing steadily. Each new member and organization makes us stronger. Join us and together we will push for justice.

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## Audience

### Current audience

MAJR Newsletter 

Your audience has **1,910** contacts. **1,845** of these are subscribers.

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# Quaker Process

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November 2021 MAJR General Meeting

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### MAJR General Meeting

via Zoom, November 15, 7:00pm

Register for this meeting: [Click here](#).

- (After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.)

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## 2022 Legislative Initiatives

### ***Veto override - Special Session -Beginning 12/6/21:***

**Removing the Governor from the parole process** for inmates with life sentences with the possibility of parole. <https://www.ma4jr.org/parole-incentive-for-life/>

# Setting Priorities

- General Meetings
- Contacting Sponsors

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## Seeking Diversity

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#### Honorary Chair









[Chief Judge Robert M. Bell](#)

Maryland Court of Appeals (1996-2013)

*Chief Judge Bell has experienced Maryland's criminal justice system at every level: as a juvenile-defendant, a practicing attorney, and as a judge in the District, Circuit, and both appellate courts. He has stated, "It is imperative that our legal system operate without bias of any kind, and be perceived as dispensing justice fairly and equitably," throughout his career deciding cases and providing administrative leadership to facilitate such progress.*

#### MAJR Executive Committee

member	affiliation
	<b>Philip Caroom</b> Former chair Maryland Judic. Conf. Ad Hoc Committee on Sentencing, Alternatives, Reentry & Best Practices Former Judicial Liaison to Maryland Reentry Taskforce
	<b>Bill Carlson</b> , Treasurer
	<b>Dr. Crystal Francis</b> , Senior Program Analyst for the Federal Government
	<b>Vince Greco</b> , Maryland C.U.R.E. Out for Justice JCI Prison Scholars Program Extra-Legalese Group, Inc.
	<b>Lea Green</b> Director, Maryland C.U.R.E.
	<b>Patricia Marks</b> , Putting Mercy Into Criminal Justice



**Jerry Mclaurin**, Founder, People For Change Coalition



**Olinda Moyd**, Attorney, Advocate & Activist.



**Christopher Providence**, Educator (Retired), Baltimore County Public Schools



**Bob Rhudy**, Past Director of Mediation, Court of Special Appeals



**Jim Rose**, Webmaster



**Jenny Zito**, WISE Poverty, Education, and Criminal Justice Reform.

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## Legislation-2022

Initiative ▲	Group ▼	House ▲	Senate ▲	Hearing ▼
<a href="#">Juvenile Court Jurisdiction (testimony)</a>	<a href="#">Front</a>	<a href="#">HB0294</a>	<a href="#">SB0165</a>	S: 1/27 2:00pm H: 2/10 1:00pm
<a href="#">Juvenile Interrogation Protection Act (testimony)S (Amendment)</a>	<a href="#">Front</a>	<a href="#">HB0269</a>	<a href="#">SB0053</a>	S: 1/27 2:00 pm H: 2/02 1:00 pm
<a href="#">Juvenile Justice Reform (testimony)</a>	<a href="#">Front</a>	<a href="#">HB0459</a>	<a href="#">SB0691</a>	H: 2/10 1:00pm S: 3/3
<a href="#">Marijuana Legalization (testimony)(more)</a>	<a href="#">Front</a>	<a href="#">HB0001</a> <a href="#">HB0837</a>		H: 2/14 10am
Cannabis - Legalization and Regulation	<a href="#">Front</a>		<a href="#">SB0833</a>	S: 3/3

# Responsive Advocacy

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# Action Alerts

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# A Pandemic Pivot

**We needed to pivot, to change not our mission or vision, but our tactics and procedures.**

Like many advocacy organizations, MAJR turned to “**Zoom**” to inform and involve Marylanders in the legislative process.

In addition MAJR employed “**Muster**”, an advocacy software package to engage our membership in public policy initiatives.

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While the legislature only met for 90 days in 2021, during the session we

- issued **thirty-two** action alerts on criminal justice legislation
- generated nearly **7000** emails to our legislators
- overturned the governor's **vetoes** on MAJR-supported legislation
- and moved many pieces of **our priority legislation** to the governor's desk



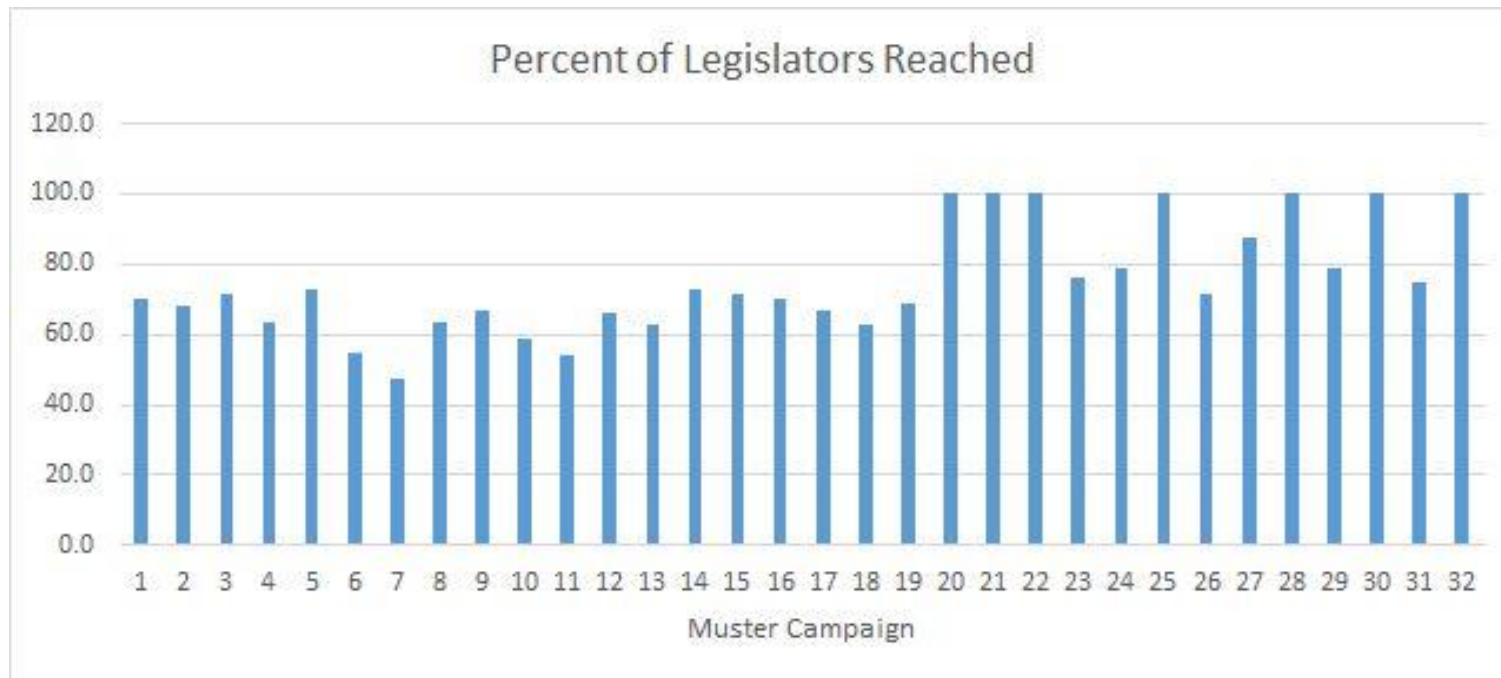
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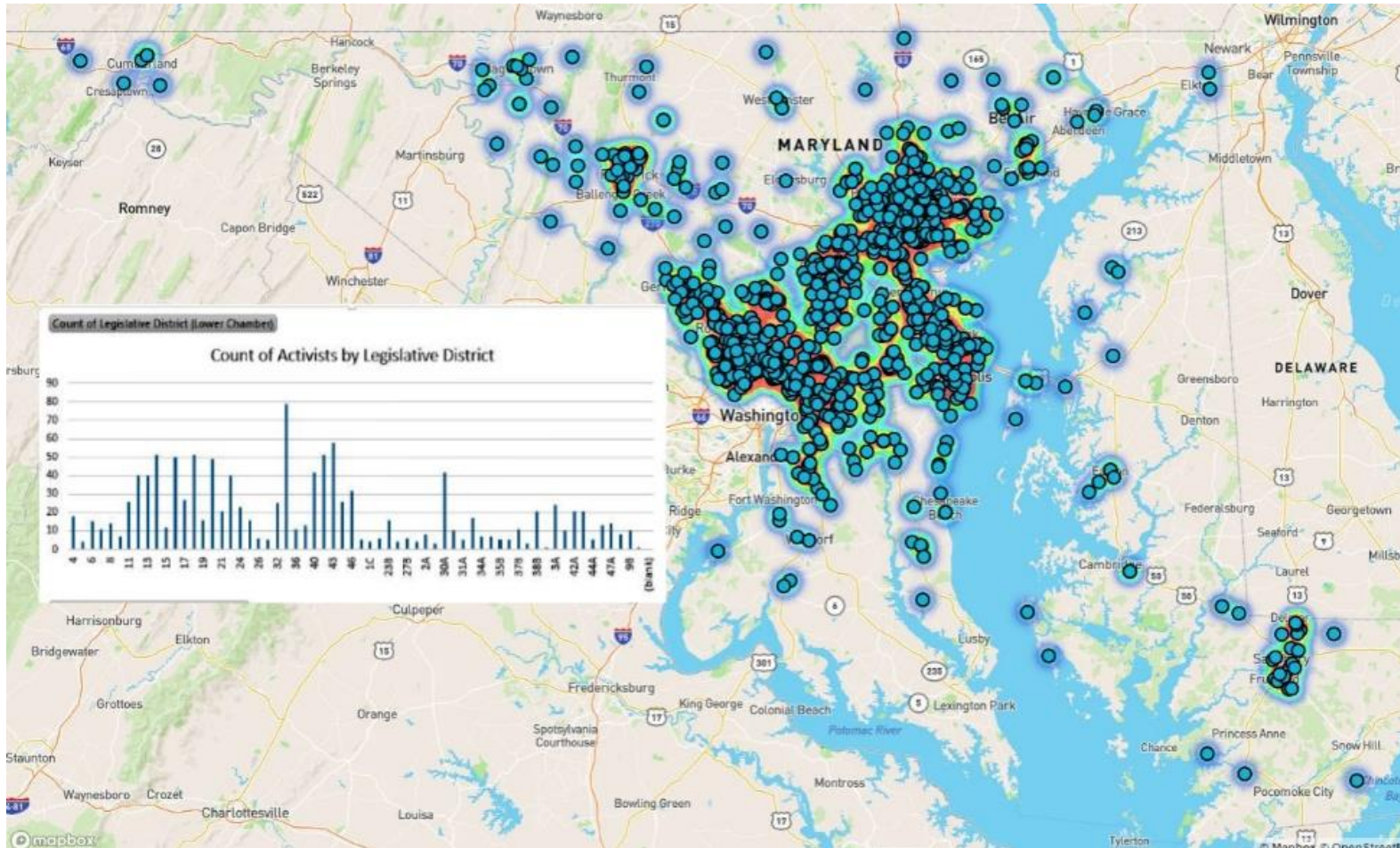
## MAJR members respond in force!

Most opened our emails, and for each appeal **60 to 80 percent** of the legislators we hoped to reach were contacted.



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Location of Activists

All legislative districts have MAJR activists.



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## Your turn:

Can you build an action network for your State?

What can you accomplish with volunteers?

Can you effectively address criminal justice issues?

MAJR's  
Answer

Yes

A Win

Yes