

**Email template to ask state Representatives & Senators to co-sponsor bills.**

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**Subject line:** Co-sponsor request from a constituent

Dear Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ & Sen \_\_\_\_\_,

As a constituent of yours, I am writing to respectfully ask you to co-sponsor one very important bill, [S. 878 / H. 1362](#) by Sen. **Senator Gomez** and Rep. **Samantha Montano**. This bill, **AN ACT TO SEURE HOUSING FOR RETURNING CITIZENS** is incredibly important because the transition from prison to the community is rife with challenges. But before formerly incarcerated people can address health problems, find stable jobs, or learn new skills, they need a place to live. This bill requires There shall be a reentry program formerly incarcerated persons (FIP), administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), while coordinating with the Department of Corrections.

1. FIP will understand housing options before and after their release
2. Allow FIP to find pathways to short-term and permanent housing
3. FIP will receive supports, such as vouchers, from the state
4. Most importantly, the DHCD shall partner with community-based organizations **led by directly affected leaders** in the community, to assist with positive outcomes and impacts. develop and implement, outcome-based measurements for the success of the program.

The bill also provides incentivizes for the development of housing that prioritizes, Formerly Incarcerated People and People in Pre-Release, through tax incentives and zoning law exceptions

Thank you for considering my request. Please let me know if you have questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

name    

    home address, town, MA, zip