

Restore the Vote Minnesota is a coalition of individuals and organizations who believe that voting is a human right. Restoring the right to vote for people living in the community who are on felony probation and parole is the right thing to do for our democracy, our communities, and our state.

**Restored people
restore communities.**

**It's time to
Restore the Vote!**

RESTORE ✓ **THE VOTE** 

To the Minnesota State Legislature:

Our state-wide and national coalition of grassroots partners have been working tirelessly for over a decade to restore the voting rights of those who were previously incarcerated. Restore the Vote Minnesota is a coalition of groups who believe that restoring the right to vote for those living in the community will make the law more clear and equitable, save government resources, and encourage positive participation and civic engagement. Minnesota is already a leader in pro-Minnesotan policies and this year, our state legislature has the opportunity to continue to invest in and uplift all Minnesotans.

Minnesota has long been a leader when it comes to democracy and restoring the right to vote will bring the freedom to vote back to over 55,000 Minnesotans. All of their voices matter and we can't leave any of them behind.

Restoring the right to vote to those previously incarcerated upon release, can help build our democracy and ensure it is one that is representative of all Minnesotans. Both the pandemic and racial justice uprising in 2020 showed us how we depend on each other and the power of our collective voice, whether we're white or black, Latino or Asian, native or newcomer. We have the chance to take up that mantle by passing Restore the Vote. By ensuring that people have their right to vote respected, no matter what they look like, what their gender, or whether they have served time, we can move forward to make this a place where democracy includes every American, with no exceptions.

We, the undersigned groups, support the passage of the bill to pass voter restoration to people on probation and parole in Minnesota and we call on our champions in the state legislature to support it as well.

The Undersigned:

Civic Engagement and Advocacy Organizations

ACLU of Minnesota

African American Leadership Forum (AALF)

Center for Victims of Torture

Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota

Citizens for Election Integrity Minnesota

Clean Elections Minnesota

Council on Crime and Justice

Common Cause MN

Don't Complain Activate

Gender Justice

Great North Innocence Project

Growth & Justice

Honor the Earth

Land Stewardship Project

League of Women Voters Minnesota

Legal Rights Center

Let People Vote Twin Cities

Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICAH)

Minnesota 100% Campaign

Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

Minnesota Council on Foundations

Minnesota Freedom Fund

Minnesota Justice Research Center

MN Second Chance Coalition

Minnesotans Standing Together to End Poverty (MNSTEP)

Minnesota Voice

NAACP

New Justice Project

Organizing Apprenticeship Project

People For the American Way

Prison Policy Initiative

R3 Collaborative

The Sentencing Project

Stand Up America

TakeAction Minnesota

Ten25Fifty

The Advocates for Human Rights

TONE U.P. Inc.

Until We Are All Free

Urban League Twin Cities
We Are All Criminals
We Choose Us
World Without Genocide

Direct Service Organizations

African Immigrant Services
American Indian OIC
Goodwill/Easter Seals MN
Integrated Community Solutions, Inc.
L.I.F.E. In Recovery
Loaves and Fishes Community
Minnesota Trauma Recovery Institute
MN Adult and Teen Challenge
MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA)
MN Community Action Partnership
Minnesota Recovery Connection
The Neighborhood Hub
Open Access Connections
St. Stephen's Human Services

Faith Based Organizations

ISAIAH
Faith in Minnesota
Jewish Community Action
Joint Religious Legislative Coalition
Minnesota Catholic Conference
Minnesota Council of Churches
Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance
Muslim Association Society of MN (MAS)

Labor Unions

MN AFL-CIO
SEIU MN