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- > Fully repeal the Rockefeller Drug Laws.
- > Expand eligibility for Work Release and Merit Time.
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Alternative-to-incarceration programs are more effective and less expensive than imprisonment.

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