

The violent loophole that exists within the Thirteenth Amendment serves no other purpose than to uphold oppressive and racist structures. We have not abolished slavery in this country, we have simply shifted it into the prison industrial complex. We must begin our journey toward justice by recognizing this and remedying it. Then we can begin the hard work of doing right by those who have suffered as a result of this harmful language. I urge you to omit the clause excepting criminal punishment in the 13th Amendment.