

Hello to all of the members of the Committee,

I strongly support SJM2, urging Congress to amend the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution to omit the clause excepting criminal punishment.

It is morally reprehensible that we are legally permitted to enslave our incarcerated persons, forcing them to work for very little or no pay. This has racist roots that go back to the 1800's, in which Black men were arrested in droves simply for existing, and then forced into manual labor. Sometimes they were forced to do labor on the very plantations they were enslaved on. This must end, now.

Please support SJM2.

Thank you for your time and service,
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