

# Resolutions Against Private Prisons

## Starting the Process

One of the most important ways that you can support Abolish Private Prisons is by asking the organizations and institutions you are affiliated with to formally pass resolutions against the private prison industry.

The specific process will vary depending on the type of institution. No matter what you will have to draft resolution language to share with your governing board, executive team, and other stakeholders.

We encourage you to include as many types of stakeholders as possible, so that you have the perspectives and information you need to draft the resolution successfully.

## Language

Below is draft language for a resolution:

*Prison privatization places human dignity and liberty at odds with profit-making, and drains essential public resources that could be used for education, crime prevention, rehabilitation and successful re-entry services. Indeed, prison privatization perversely turns recidivism into a profit growth opportunity instead of a sign of failure. We believe prison privatization infects our justice system with incentives that are unethical, immoral and directly in conflict with sacred teachings that require that every person be treated with human dignity, and not as a unit of profit on a corporate balance sheet.*

*Therefore, this (Name of Organization) calls for the abolition of all private prisons in the United States and its Territories, including those used for immigration detention.*

## After the Resolution Passes

Once your organization passes the resolution, we ask that you send us the final resolution to Abolish Private Prisons at [jdacey@abolishprivateprisons.org](mailto:jdacey@abolishprivateprisons.org)

