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Less Is More: Community Supervision Revocation Reform Act (S.1343B – Benjamin / A.5493A – Mosley)

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— Charles Walker, 2017

In 2017, Charles Walker was on parole and by then had been in and out of New York State prisons for the last 23 years. “The PO can send you back (to jail) the first time you violate,” said Walker. “If a parole officer likes you, they give you a couple breaks. It’s all arbitrary; there are no concrete things there.”

Antwan Oconner, 31, lost his job because of his parole officer. He said he was ecstatic when he finally got a construction job through the Center for Employment Opportunities, but then his parole officer enforced his curfew rather than let him pursue the job. “I’ve got to be at the construction site at 6 a.m. She said my curfew was 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. She said I can’t work that job,” says Oconner.

*Source: The Appeal. “As New York Decarcerates, the Number of People Under Supervision of Parole Rises”, by Victoria Law. February 1, 2018

About the #LessIsMoreNY Campaign

#LessIsMoreNY is a statewide coalition of community groups, service providers, and public safety experts working together to pass the Less Is More Act to reduce jail and prison populations; support people who are subject to community supervision in the reentry process; promote safety and justice for families and communities; and save taxpayers money. We call on the Governor and Legislature to pass the bill, capture the savings that will result from reform, and reinvest those savings back into the communities most harmed by mass incarceration and crime.

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