

Upon release every application I filled out shook me to the core, having to mark down the crime I had committed, WHICH I already served my time for. At what point do we, as a society, stop punishing people for their mistakes. The sentence of a criminal conviction is no longer definitive. In America today, the greatest free-society country in the world, to receive any criminal conviction is to be sentenced for life. Housing, services, and most importantly, employment. We need to be a society that allows a person an opportunity to contribute to that society, for the good of themselves, their families, and the communities they live in. To remove the BOX, which is one of the major barriers to employment for returning citizens, is to give them a fair chance in an interview to prove that they have taken responsibility and have been rehabilitated.

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