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In 2005, the Texas Public Policy Foundation launched the Center for Effective Justice, which has been instrumental in advocating for reforms that have dramatically reduced incarceration and crime in Texas. Building on this success, the Foundation launched its groundbreaking Right on Crime initiative in 2010. Anchored by a Statement of Principles signed by conservative luminaries such as Newt Gingrich, Rick Perry, Jeb Bush, Grover Norquist, J.C. Watts, and Ed Meese, Right on Crime works in dozens of states and at the federal level to promote policy changes that enhance public safety, empower victims, and reduce costs to taxpayers.

In the 2015 Texas legislative session, the Texas Public Policy Foundation is working on many important priorities such as ensuring sentences better fit the crime, strengthening reentry programs to reduce recidivism, and reducing the number of unnecessary criminal laws. While the Texas Public Policy Foundation and John Legend may not have the same views on most policy issues, we admire his artistic accomplishments and longstanding commitment to philanthropy. We are privileged to stand with Mr. Legend as he lends his powerful voice to the cause of achieving another round of common-sense criminal justice reforms in Texas.