2020-21 was a historic time for criminal legal systems reform. We made history in Virginia!

- Virginia passed legislation for the first ever record sealing bill for convictions
- Fought for the Right to Vote for ALL Virginians
- Governor Northam restored the civil rights of 69,045 Virginians
- Virginia became first state in the south to legalize cannabis
- Virginia abolished the death penalty
-Began the Virginia Expungement Council to fight for free, fair, coaching and automatic expungement
- Pre-trial justice reforms
- Fines and fees reform, to include ability to pay
- Probation reforms
- Fought for Department of Corrections and jails oversight
- Harm reduction bill for those preventing a drug overdose
- Sought to end solitary confinement
- Lawsuit filed against landlord for discrimination against persons with criminal records
- Fought for police reform

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Press and Media Coverage

- CNBC asked, you nominated: Recognizing the selfless heroes of the coronavirus pandemic
- Virtual Roundtable: Seeking Justice for the Incarcerated and Decarcerated
- Richmond council members to keep pushing for ban on ‘nonlethal’ police weapons after resolution founders
- Northam administration work group outlines path toward marijuana legalization
- Criminal record expungement: When will Virginia be ready?
- Equitable Legalization of Cannabis
- Ability-to-Pay Assessments, Payment Plans and Community Service Policy Guidance — FFJC
- Why VA needs meaningful criminal records expungement - Sheba Williams (Nolef Turns)
- Constitutional amendment to restore voting rights for former inmates passed in committee

In the Community

Partnerships & Coalitions

- Legal Aid Justice Center
- ACLU of Virginia
- Richmond Community Bail Fund
- The Floret Coalition
- Richmond Bakers Against Racism
- Shockoe Mobile
- Capital One
- Columbia Care Virginia
- RVA26
- Just Leadership USA
- National Juvenile Justice Network
- Henrico/Hanover Parole & Probation Re-Entry Council
- Lt. Gov’s COVID-19 Racial Inequities Task Force
- Mayor Stoney’s Reimagining Public Safety Task Force
- Department of Criminal Justice Services Reimagining Public Safety Task Force
- University of Richmond’s Actual Innocence Clinic
- New Leaders Council Virginia
- Justice Forward Virginia
- The Humanization Project
- Bridging the Gap in Virginia

Where are we headed?

Our team takes the lead from the community so you let us know where are fight goes from here. Everyone is welcome to our monthly board meetings. Our priorities are the priorities of those we serve. Look for our 2022 legislative priorities mid-November at https://www.nolefturns.org/legislative-priorities. We meet every 2nd Wednesday at 6:30pm via Zoom. Join us!

A Message From Our Team

How can we show our gratitude to you all? There are not enough words to express how you all showed up over the past 18 months. Our mutual aid efforts were all led by a team of volunteers and every expense was covered by small dollar donations. We utilized 90% of our donations from community for support back into the community. Our advocacy was a team effort, even when we took to the streets to fight for what we wanted. Breaking barriers is always the goal. We could not thrive or exist without your support, input, and guidance. Here’s to our first 5 years and here’s to many more to come!

How to Support Us

Become a volunteer at www.nolefturns.org/volunteer
Become an advocate; join our rapid response team
Donate today at www.nolefturns.org/donate