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FRRC Executive Director Meade Issues Statement in Support of President Biden's Announcement to End Department of Justice Reliance on Private Prisons

In a move to restore a policy first implemented under the Obama administration, President Biden announced on Tuesday that the Department of Justice will end its reliance on private prisons. This decision directs the Attorney General not to renew Justice Department contracts with privately operated criminal detention facilities.

While this decision will halt the practice of profiteering off of 14,000 of our incarcerated brothers and sisters in federal custody, it still represents just a fraction of the work left to be done. From 2000 to 2016, the number of people housed in state and federal private prisons increased [five times faster](#) than the total prison population. We hope to work with Florida policymakers to implement these and other reforms to prisons at the state level.

We believe in putting people over politics and applaud the decision to stop a system that allows companies to profit off of incarceration. We can do better.

About The Florida Rights Restoration Coalition

FRRC is a grassroots, membership organization run by Returning Citizens (Formerly Convicted Persons) who are dedicated to ending the disenfranchisement and discrimination against people with convictions and creating a more comprehensive and humane reentry system that will enhance successful reentry, reduce recidivism, and increase public safety. For more information, [visit https://floridarrc.com/](https://floridarrc.com/).

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