

# PUBLIC HEARING

## FROM CELL BLOCK TO CITY BLOCK:

### A HEARING ON STRATEGIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL RE-ENTRY



**Have you done time “behind the wall”? Do you have family or friends “inside”? Do you serve a population that has been impacted by incarceration?**

If you’ve answered yes to any of these questions, Massachusetts Legislators and DOC officials need to hear from you.

**End the Odds Coalition** invites you to bring your voice to a public hearing on re-entry. The Commissioner and the policy makers need to hear your stories and solutions if re-entry policy is to be successful.

For more information, email [endtheodds@yahoo.com](mailto:endtheodds@yahoo.com) or call (617) 945-1202.

Most everyone agrees that employment, housing, health care—including substance abuse services—are essential for a successful transition back to the community, but the transition must begin inside. We ask:

**Is the MA classification system conducive to a logical transition to the community? Do prisoners have access to the programs they need? Are health issues properly addressed? Are self-esteem and respect built into the day to day interactions with prison staff and other prisoners?**

The **Commissioner of Correction** has a re-entry plan in the works. We want to hear what it is. But it will not be a complete or successful plan without changes in the policies and practices operating inside the prisons.

**November 18, 2008, 6:30 p.m.**  
**St. Paul’s Cathedral, Lawrence Room**  
**138 Tremont Street, Boston**  
**(across from the Park Street T Station)**