



## National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2019

- Calls for the creation of the National Criminal Justice Commission
  - To improve the country's criminal justice system
  - Offers reform recommendations to federal, state, and local governments
  - All reports will be made available to public viewing
- The areas of focus for reform recommendations are federal policies and practices surrounding the criminal justice system, and the current methods for deterring crime
- Bureaucratic Extent:
  - A comprehensive review of all policies and practices would be implemented and employed by the various elements of the Criminal Justice System

## MAP's Perspective on S. 2434

**MAP supports this bill.** We believe in a fair criminal justice system that can only be established through an updated review that would highlight the current system's deficiencies and strengths. This bill would help eliminate outdated regulations and raise awareness about the problems within the criminal justice system and would give us a chance to fix wrongs to ensure that everybody gets an equal trial & voice within our society.

While many bills tackling individual issues within the Criminal Justice System have been presented to Congress, it is comprehensive, system-wide legislation such as the First Step Act that see the most success and impart the most change on the Criminal Justice. Conducting a systematic review of the system will ensure that more system-wide legislation will be passed, as the government will have a more holistic and accurate view of the problems facing the Criminal Justice system.

## Youth Perspective on Criminal Justice

The punitive aspects of the Criminal Justice System harm youth in many ways, from irrational three strikes laws to damaging mandatory minimum sentences. A comprehensive overhaul of the system would provide the government the data they need to prevent the systematic marginalization of youth within the Criminal Justice System. It would also promote unbiased trials and contribute to creating a better society for youth to grow up in. As younger generations will be the most impacted by this bill and the ones whose hands the government will eventually pass into, it is important to recognize the voice and the opportunities that everyone has within the criminal justice system. Thus, the youth strongly urge for the passing of bill S2434.

## Catholic Perspective on this Issue

As students from a Catholic high school, we believe that the United States Criminal Justice system is in need of reform with outdated policies like mandatory minimums and drug sentencing guidelines which do not treat every human with dignity and respect.

In order for change to take place, people must be made aware of these problems and there must be a review of the sentencing practices of our criminal justice system. This bill would facilitate our mission to increase awareness by making reports found by the commission accessible to the public and offer reform recommendations to the federal, state, and local governments after an examination of the current criminal justice system.

