

"I am a prisoner currently incarcerated under the 3-Strikes law. I was convicted for possession of 1.58 grams of rock cocaine, or 3 rocks. . . . I take the time out now to thank everyone involved with this effort to put common sense back into the criminal justice system by challenging the law which gives a shockingly excessive amount of time for nonviolent and non-serious offenses." -- Frank

Call your California legislators and ask them to vote for amendments that make the 3-Strikes law just and more in line with what voters intended.

- (1) The law should not be applicable to nonviolent and non-serious offenses;
- (2) the law should not be applicable to crimes committed before its enactment in 1994;
- (3) the law should not count multiple counts during a single act as multiple strikes;
- (4) the law should include a "wash-out" period such that convictions older than ten years do not count as strikes;
- (5) burglary of unoccupied dwellings should not count as "serious or violent" strikes; and
- (6) the law should not be applicable to juvenile offenses.

The enactment of these amendments would bring California back in line with the rest of the United States and allow fiscal spending in areas where it is more needed.

Families to Amend California's Three-Strikes (FACTS):

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Support Legislation Limiting the 3-Strikes Law to Violent Offenses



Stop the Injustice!

3-Strikes Against 3-Strikes

Taxpayers have become victims of 3-Strikes. Each 3-Striker costs the taxpayer over \$25,000 in annual prison costs and \$113,000 for every prison bed that is built. And, as 3-Strikers become older and need medical services, their annual cost is expected to triple. California spends \$6.1 billion annually on its prison and jail facilities. Since 1980 the California prison population has grown about 7 times (from 23,000 to 161,000) and the number of prison system employees has grown to about 45,000. Since 1984 California has built 21 prisons and only one college.