

Support SB2465: End Lawsuits that Strip Wealth from Formerly Incarcerated Individuals

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Illinois law allows the State to sue formerly incarcerated individuals – forcing people to pay for their own incarceration.

- Most individuals targeted by this practice are already financially insecure.
- Suing people for the little money they have **ruins their chance of successful reentry** into the community.
- This practice **increases a person's chance of recidivism.**

Individuals returning to the community deserve a fair chance to rebuild their lives.

SB2465 will end unfair lawsuits by repealing the provision allowing the Department of Corrections to seek reimbursement for the cost of a person's incarceration.

Recent Illinois Lawsuits Strip Wealth from Formerly Incarcerated Individuals

- 2 lawsuits in 2012 & 2013
- 11 lawsuits in 2015

"Suing people who have managed to save a few dollars while in prison is cruel and pointless. **It destroys people's ability to survive upon release** – their ability to rent an apartment, buy food, and find a job all takes money."

-Alan Mills, Executive Director of Uptown People's Law Center

Support SB2465 to end unjust lawsuits that prevent formerly incarcerated individuals from getting back on their feet.

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