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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2026 has been the most consequential year in ALC's history.

In a pathbreaking legal win we've created a chance for freedom for more than 1100 people who were sentenced to die in prison.

And we've made key gains on many other important fronts.



Despite the extremely challenging environment, ALC made monumental progress in 2026 in our efforts to decarcerate prisons and jails, elevate human rights, and change narratives around the criminal legal system and state violence. These gains were years in the making and have created pathways to freedom for thousands of people.

- **Our groundbreaking win in the PA Supreme Court in *Commonwealth v. Derek Lee* in 2026 abolished mandatory life without parole for second-degree murder and created the possibility of freedom for 1100+ people who were sentenced to die behind prison walls. (*Read more about this truly monumental victory on pages 10-11.)***

- Our **multi-year effort** to create a responsive citizen oversight board to document and investigate abuses in Philadelphia's horrendous jails entered its early stages of implementation.
- Our **grassroots organizing** contributed to a 13% reduction in the adult population of the county jail in Pittsburgh and also lowered the number of incarcerated children.
- Our **Court Watch program** in Pittsburgh achieved nearly 100% coverage of probation violation hearings, aiding our legal efforts to address this huge driver of pre-trial detention.
- Our **media outreach and storytelling** humanized the incarcerated people for whom we advocate, spotlighted the abuses people experience inside prisons and jails, and elevated the experiences of people whose lives have been impacted by the criminal legal system.
- Our **testimony and advocacy** abroad drew high profile international attention to and condemnation of the human rights violations experienced by incarcerated people in the US including political prisoners.

ALC has notched other progress as well in our movement to dismantle the carceral system, protect people behind bars, and win freedom for thousands. And now that our collective efforts have kicked open doors that some thought were impenetrable, we're ready to use these wins as a springboard to go after even bigger targets and create opportunities for liberation for even more people—not only in our home state of Pennsylvania, but in other parts of the country as well.

I invite you to learn more and join us.

Robert Saleem Holbrook, Executive Director

ABOUT US



The Abolitionist Law Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, movement law firm and community organizing project.

We defend human rights and challenge incarceration and other state & structural violence.

We engage in class action and impact litigation, grassroots advocacy, research and public education, legislative lobbying, and strategic communications. We attack the racist, classist criminal legal system, and protect the rights and well-being of people who encounter jails and prisons, courts, police, and other forms of legal supervision. And we challenge U.S.-based corporate and governmental entities that perpetrate and support carceral violence and wars abroad.

Across our many lanes of work, our priorities include:

- freeing people from incarceration, and advocating for their safety and wellness while they're behind bars
- holding institutions like jails, prisons, and police departments accountable, and redistributing their resources, via litigation and legal settlements, to people impacted by the criminal punishment system
- building and facilitating direct and participatory democracy and transparent accountability practices through the creation of Oversight Boards and community based referendums
- building power among, taking our leadership from, and being accountable to people who are directly impacted by state violence and incarceration

Our work erodes the narrative that incarceration makes our communities safer, and it results in **fewer people becoming incarcerated**; **shorter stays** for those who do get locked up; and **less harmful conditions** for people while they're inside.

OUR IMPACT

ALC's advocacy in PA's prisons, jails, and courts directly affects at least **60,000 legal system-involved individuals** each year, plus many of their family members and other loved ones.



We mobilized **hundreds of directly impacted and formerly incarcerated people** who helped pass a ballot question establishing a Prison Oversight Board in Philadelphia

Our efforts to expand and expand democracy help protect the rights and wishes of **tens of thousands of voters in communities** bearing the brunt of the carceral state.

Our campaigns aimed at probation and parole have implications for the **170,000 people** under these forms of supervision in PA.

Our *Commonwealth v. Derek Lee* case **abolished mandatory life without parole** for second degree murder and created **a chance for freedom for 1100+ people**

And our initiatives and tactics are being used as **models** in efforts **to make similar changes in other states around the country.**

OUR IMPACT



DBI & Long-Term Sentences

- Won a **landmark ruling** by the PA Supreme Court in *Commonwealth v. Derek Lee* **finding that the sentence of mandatory life without parole) (AKA death by incarceration or DBI) for second-degree murder is unconstitutional, and creating a chance for freedom for 1100+ people.** *(See pgs 10-11 for more info on this landmark win.)*
- Won clemency, compassionate release, or negotiated releases for multiple clients who had endured decades of imprisonment.

Solitary

- Filed a sweeping case against the PA Dept. of Corrections to ban indefinite solitary confinement throughout the entire PA state prison system and completely bar solitary for people with mental health conditions.
- Ended solitary confinement on PA's death row and won court orders releasing clients from solitary from every federal district court in PA.
- Pressed for and testified at the first-ever PA House Judiciary Committee hearing about solitary confinement.



Safeguarding Rights

- Achieved largest ever settlement against PA Dept. of Corrections, on behalf of an incarcerated person killed by excessive OC (pepper) spray and medical neglect by corrections staff.
- Won the first injunctive order in the country ordering prison officials to provide new curative medications for hepatitis C.
- Protected attorney-client confidentiality for everyone in state custody through litigation that rolled back photocopying incoming legal mail.
- Protected First Amendment rights of currently and formerly incarcerated people through litigation that struck down the Revictimization Relief Act, which was initially aimed at silencing Mumia Abu-Jamal.

OUR IMPACT

Jails

- Achieved a 13% drop in the jail population in Pittsburgh and the lowest Philadelphia jail population in 30+ years.
- Co-counseled litigation requiring Philly's jails to address dire conditions in their facilities.
- Negotiated a settlement addressing care and conditions for people with mental health issues at PA's second-largest county jail.
- Sued Dauphin County Prison officials for cutting off heat, electricity, hygiene supplies, and contact with the outside world for several winter months.
- Protected the $125 monthly stipend for incarcerated people at Allegheny County Jail to help them make commissary purchases and pay for calls and video visits with loved ones.

Democracy

- Organized a multi-year campaign passed overwhelmingly by voters to establish a Prison Oversight Board to bring accountability to Philadelphia's county jail system.
- Achieved 17,000 contacts and 150,000+ texts/calls during a voter engagement/education campaign in Philadelphia led by justice-impacted canvassers in communities impacted by mass incarceration and violence.
- Led organizing resulting in a first-of-its-kind-in-the-nation voter referendum curtailing solitary confinement and restraint chair use at Allegheny County Jail.

We achieved major drops in the populations of PA's two largest county jail systems.

We organized a multi-year campaign, passed overwhelmingly by voters, to establish a Prison Oversight Board to bring accountability to Philadelphia's county jail system.

We protected the $125 monthly stipend for incarcerated people at Allegheny County Jail.



Philly City Council & advocates rally support for prison oversight ballot measure

Jack Tomczuk for Metro Philadelphia

OUR IMPACT



We co-counseled litigation against the Philadelphia Police Department resulting in the largest settlement in a mass protest-related case in the city's history.

We filed more than 60 judicial misconduct complaints.

Human Rights

- Testified repeatedly at the United Nations in Geneva as part of the Universal Periodic Review, to bring an international human rights lens to the fight to end death by incarceration and extreme sentencing in the U.S. and to release political prisoners like Mumia Abu-Jamal.
- Produced a briefing guide showing the complicity of federal officials in the mistreatment of Afghans evacuated by the U.S. and now in detention around the world.
- Contributed findings about U.S. high-tech companies' role in the war in Gaza to a report by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territory.
- Alongside domestic and international partners, worked to expose rights abuses by the U.S. government in Iran.

Policing

- Co-counseled litigation against Philadelphia's police department, resulting in largest settlement in a mass protest-related case in the city's history.
- Led litigation in Pittsburgh challenging police repression of protesters that resulted in a monetary settlement and a policy protecting protesters' First Amendment rights.

Court Watch

- Recruited dozens of Court Watch volunteers who documented thousands of criminal proceedings.
- Filed more than 60 judicial misconduct complaints.
- Released transparency reports documenting the Allegheny County criminal courts' treatment of people with mental health disorders and intellectual disabilities, and the racially apartheid practices of the courts and police departments.

Narrative Change

- Annually earned more than 100 news stories quoting ALC staff members and using our preferred narratives and framing on issues.
- Published reports and policy recommendations on compassionate release, death by incarceration, the aging prison population, toxic prison environmental conditions, racial bias in policing and court practices, and how the criminal legal system treats people with disabilities.

INCARCERATION IN PENNSYLVANIA

With the U.S. Supreme Court shutting down and rolling back progressive efforts to dismantle carceral systems, the most meaningful challenges are being waged and won at the state level.



Wins in Pennsylvania not only impact hundreds of thousands of people here, they also **create road maps to similar victories elsewhere in the country**.

Pennsylvania has some of the **most severe carceral practices in the country**, and is **ground zero for the explosion of mass incarceration**, extreme conditions of confinement, and excessive sentencing.

Far from being the cradle of liberty, Philadelphia was home to the first penitentiary and the first prison built based on solitary confinement. The city and state have a long and shameful history of racist and repressive policing, prosecuting, and imprisonment, including attacking Black Panthers and Black Liberation Army members, MOVE, and other BIPOC communities and resistance movements right up through the present. And ALC has fiercely represented members of all of these groups.

- In 1991, PA had **14** state prisons. Today there are **23**.
- More than **5000** people are serving death by incarceration sentences (life without possibility for parole) in PA, a higher number than any other U.S. state except Florida, which has almost twice as many residents.
- Nearly **250,000** people are under correctional control in PA on an average day, at least **170,000** different people pass through the state's jails throughout the year, and PA's two largest counties alone cage around **5000** people on a typical day.

OUR WORK

Ending Death by Incarceration



ALC's monumental victory in 2026 abolishing DBI for second-degree murder in PA, broke major new ground in the fight to end excessive sentences and gave 1100+ people sentenced to die in prison a chance at freedom.

Pennsylvania is an extreme outlier in issuing death by incarceration (life without parole) sentences. ALC has a robust approach to ending DBI in Pennsylvania that includes litigation, organizing, strategic communications, legislative lobbying, & working in coalition with a network of other movement groups.

The prevalence of DBI sentences has also led to a sharp increase in the number of elderly people in PA prisons. Aging lifers not only pose a low risk of reoffending, but many have invaluable life experiences and wisdom to share with their communities, where such mentoring and credible messengers are badly needed. Warehousing people from a young age with no opportunity for release is inhumane, unjust, and tremendously costly to our commonwealth and our communities.

- More than **5000** people are serving DBI in PA — more than any other state except Florida.
- More than **1 in 10** people serving DBI sentences in the U.S. are in Pennsylvania prisons.
- Black Pennsylvanians are serving DBI sentences at a rate more than **18 times** higher than that of White Pennsylvanians.
- **More** people serving DBI sentences were convicted **in Philadelphia County** than in any other county or parish in the U.S.
- Most people sentenced to DBI are teenagers and young adults **under the age of 25** whose brains aren't fully developed.

ALC's Groundbreaking Litigation Abolished DBI for Second-Degree Murder

In March 2026, in the case of *Commonwealth v. Derek Lee* for which the Abolitionist Law Center is lead counsel, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court issued a landmark ruling that the **mandatory life without possibility of parole sentence (death by incarceration) in PA for second-degree murder is unconstitutional**.

Now, **more than 1100 people currently serving this illegal sentence in PA are awaiting relief and a chance at freedom.**

Organizing & Narrative Change

ALC is successfully reshaping the public perception of DBI. We've built community power among impacted Pennsylvanians and we're a potent force in pushing for legislation to allow parole eligibility for all people currently serving DBI sentences.

- We've organized a **statewide network of lifers** and their family members whom we've enlisted in this effort.
- We've produced **two major research reports** and consistently generate **high-visibility press coverage** about DBI and our campaign to end it.
- Our staff experts regularly participate in **panels, teach-ins, and other public education** initiatives.



International Human Rights

ALC is part of a coalition that's situating DBI as **an international human rights violation**.

We've submitted a complaint to the United Nations asserting that the U.S. is committing torture and violating the prohibition against racial discrimination by condemning people to DBI. And we regularly take action at the UN in **Geneva** designed to convince that body to pressure the U.S. to end DBI.



ALC has had unparalleled success challenging solitary confinement, including establishing a growing body of precedent-setting case law.

Litigation

Since our founding, **we've led the legal attack against solitary** in Pennsylvania.

Across more than a dozen cases that have targeted the practice, ALC has:

- ended solitary confinement of those on PA's death row
- won court orders releasing clients from solitary confinement from every federal district court in PA
- set the two most important solitary-related Eighth Amendment precedents in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals
- forced sanctions against the City of Philadelphia for its jails' failure to comply with the terms mandated in a federal civil rights class action suit that addressed solitary and other dire conditions in PA's largest county jail system
- negotiated a landmark agreement that requires sweeping changes in limiting how Allegheny County (PA's second largest county jail system) places people with psychiatric disabilities into solitary

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OUR WORK

Eliminating Solitary Confinement

More than

80,000

people are held in solitary confinement on any given day in the U.S. More than 2,000 of them are in PA state prisons.

(Litigation, cont'd)

- represented defendants in an indefinite solitary unit in a PA state prison, who initially filed pro se in a groundbreaking class action suit
- filed what is to date the largest and most complex federal class action lawsuit aimed at solitary, challenging the practice in the entire PA state prison system
- filed a class action suit against the county jail in Harrisburg (PA's capitol) on behalf of defendants who were held in solitary with no electricity, lights, or heat, for several weeks in the midst of winter



Organizing & Narrative Change

ALC works in coalition with groups across PA and around the country to build pressure campaigns and champion legislation to end solitary confinement.

Key achievements include:

- coordinating the successful effort to establish a Prison Oversight Board in Philadelphia
- playing an integral role in the effort that led to the passage of a first-in-the nation voter referendum curtailing solitary in a county jail
- initiating the first-ever hearing by the PA House Judiciary Committee on the topic of solitary
- building a statewide network of solitary survivors advocating against the use of the practice

OUR WORK

Dismantling Deadly Jails



ALC's work has contributed to significant drops in the populations of PA's two largest county jail systems and forced systemic changes to reduce harm to incarcerated people

Pennsylvania's county jail system is a human rights disaster. At least **170,000** different people are booked into county jails in Pennsylvania each year, and on any given day these facilities are collectively caging around **29,000** people. On a typical day there are approximately **5000** people in county jails in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh alone, and since 2020 close to **100** people have died in just those two counties' facilities.

The majority of people incarcerated in local jails have not been convicted of the offense for which they're being held. They simply can't afford to pay bail or are alleged to have violated probation, making them ineligible for bail. So they're stuck behind bars waiting for their legal proceedings, which can take weeks, months, or even years.

ALC has **multi-faceted campaigns targeting county jails in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg**, and elsewhere. We build collective power to decarcerate and dismantle these deadly institutions, protect people who encounter them, and shift funding from jails to true public safety supports like housing, health care, and education.

We particularly focus on supporting the most vulnerable people in county jails including **children** in adult facilities; **people with disabilities** and acute mental and physical health needs; and queer, trans and GNC individuals. Through litigation, organizing, court watching, and communications, we address **conditions of confinement** and use of force, including **solitary**, restraint chairs, pepper spray, and other weapons and forms of torture employed by jail staff. We agitate around strip searches, book bans, laundry policies, environmental conditions, food, access to hygiene and health care products and services, and more.

OUR WORK

Dismantling Deadly Jails

We're building collective power to decarcerate and dismantle these deadly institutions; protect people who encounter them; and divest funding from jails and shift it to true public safety supports, like housing, healthcare, and education.



We generate relentless **media coverage** of the dire conditions people experience inside county jails. And we **collaborate with movement partners and impacted community members** to organize activities designed to bring awareness and public pressure to advocate for those who're trapped within these horrific places.

Our strategic, long-term efforts have led to:

- a massive victory, **supported by 77% of Philadelphia's voters**, that created a **Prison Oversight Board** to bring accountability to PA's largest county jail system
- the **lowest number** of people incarcerated in Philly's jails in **more than 30 years**
- a **13% drop** in the number of adults incarcerated in the county jail in Pittsburgh and a reduction in the number of children in the adult facility
- dozens of **lawsuits**, right to know requests, and other legal actions
- a highly influential presence at **Jail Oversight Board meetings** in Allegheny County (PA's second largest county jail system)
- spotlighting deaths of people in jail custody, and advocacy around access to autopsies
- participation in county jail working groups and networks across Pennsylvania
- court support for people during their legal proceedings, and comfort supplies for people leaving jail
- public education events, in-depth data collection and analysis, and influential reports

OUR WORK

Freeing People from Prison



As an abolitionist organization, the objective of winning release for people in prison — both in individual cases and as a result of strategies and policies of decarceration — is the founding core of our mission.

ALC sprang from the self-liberatory efforts of incarcerated people who organized themselves, and their loved ones outside, to fight for their rights and freedom. We have a long history of litigating cases challenging unjust convictions and sentences, and of winning release for political and politicized prisoners, and other people who've served many decades behind bars. Many of those we've represented in successful efforts to win release were mentored by political prisoners in the PA state prison system like Russell Maroon Shoatz, ALC's first client.

In the last few years we've also amassed considerable experience handling so-called "compassionate release" cases that give a pathway out of prison and into more dignified and appropriate end-of-life care for terminally ill people who meet stringent guidelines. The demand for this representation is intense, as the number of aging people in PA's prisons has grown exponentially as a result of the state's draconian long-term sentencing laws. Compassionate release cases are a highly specialized and labor-intensive type of litigation, and we're developing a network of other firms and entities with whom we're sharing our expertise so that more people can be assisted.

OUR WORK

Abolishing Probation Detainers & Long-Term Parole

Two-thirds of people in Pennsylvania's jails have not been convicted of the offenses for which they're being held. They're languishing behind bars (often for weeks or months), waiting for trials or hearings simply because they're unable to afford bail, or haven't been granted the opportunity to be bailed out. Discretionary judicial decisions around bail are often racially biased or otherwise problematic.

At the same time, incarceration for even a few days can have enormous negative effects on those who are detained as well as their loved ones and communities.

ALC uses many tactics to address the harms of pretrial and probation-related detention, including litigation, strategic communications, community organizing, and our Court Watch program. We've also testified at legislative committee hearings about proposed and existing legislation, and presented alternative policies that could reduce needless and harmful pretrial detention.

Alongside probation, parole also ensnares tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians. Roughly 68,000 people were on parole in PA at the start of 2024 (far more than any other state except CA and TX).



More than half of the people in PA prisons are there because of parole violations. Parole subjects people to ongoing correctional control and surveillance, impeding their everyday activities with a gauntlet of rules and restrictions. Yet data shows that parole has diminishing returns since people over age 40 have lower rates of recidivism, and 70% of recidivism occurs within the first three years of release.

As part of the Coalition for Parole Justice, ALC advocates for legislation to end long-term and lifetime parole, and for a "sunset" clause that gives people an opportunity to get off parole after three years.



OUR WORK

Challenging the Police



ALC engages at every point in the criminal legal system and along its carceral pipeline, and challenges all of its institutions, including policing — the system's brutal entry point.

ALC has co-counseled class action litigation on behalf of survivors of police violence in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh during the racial justice uprising in the wake of the police murder of George Floyd in May 2020. Our cases include *Smith v. City of Philadelphia*, which resulted in Philly agreeing to pay monetary damages totaling $9.25 million collectively to those who were harmed — one of the largest settlements of its kind in the city's history.

We've supported families whose loved ones have been harmed by police, agitated around police budgets and attempts to (re)establish aggressive and biased policing practices, published impactful research about how apartheid policing targets BIPOC and poor people, and monitored the accountability measures for police departments that our litigation has mandated.

OUR WORK

Watching the Courts



ALC launched its Court Watch program in early 2020 to monitor criminal court proceedings in Allegheny County.

Court Watch trains and organizes volunteers to attend hearings and document their observations. Data collected by court watchers, who observe hundreds of legal proceedings each year, is used by our litigation, organizing, and communications teams to assist people encountering Allegheny County's courts and jail, and to agitate for systemic changes to court-related policies and practices.

Court Watch also organizes other forms of aid for people (and their loved ones) facing court appearances and jail time, including court packing, a participatory defense hub, post-release support, and more.

> ***I was interested in donating after reading about your organization in a couple separate articles. One was the call for court watchers, which is such vital work to help hold the justice system accountable and provide voters with real information about judges.***



OUR WORK

Expanding Democracy



Working to protect voting rights and access, ensuring the will of voters is respected, ending prison gerrymandering — ALC is involved in defending the democratic process in these and other ways, especially for currently and formerly incarcerated people, and for populations heavily impacted by the criminal punishment system.

We educate the public about issues related to the criminal legal system that are influenced or controlled by elected officials and political systems, and work to ensure that people in marginalized communities have access to democratic institutions, and that the choices they make at the ballot box are protected.

We organize and participate in forums explaining the electoral process and highlighting the positions of candidates for office. Our advocacy has supported grassroots efforts around the state to organize voter referendums challenging county jail conditions, and to establish non-police emergency/crisis response entities. We've successfully blocked blatant efforts to undermine the will of—and outright disenfranchise—voters, such as attempts to impeach and strip power from Philadelphia's progressive district attorney, whom voters in Philly's Black, Brown, and poor neighborhoods overwhelmingly supported.



In addition to being places of punishment where incarcerated people are removed from their families and communities, prisons are also sites of ideological control. People live under 24-hour surveillance, and their conversation, communication, and reading materials are constantly scrutinized and frequently censored. From our beginning, ALC has advocated for and with people and organizations that understand the importance of personal transformation, political knowledge, and social uplift in the struggle against the carceral state.

Our support for the political rights of incarcerated people dates back to our earliest days. It includes several of our foundational lawsuits, including one that addressed SCI Coal Township's confiscation of the mail of Robert Saleem Holbrook (now ALC's executive director), who was still incarcerated at the time; and one that addressed the so-called "Silencing Act." This law was aimed directly at political prisoner, journalist, and intellectual Mumia Abu-Jamal, while being phrased so broadly as to chill the speech of all incarcerated people and anyone who publishes their words.

OUR WORK

Protecting Health



A safe and healthy physical environment, adequate and affordable health care, and access to ample and nutritious food, clean water, and sanitation supplies and services, are vital and essential human rights that are regularly denied to people in prison.

Physical and mental health care are often grossly inadequate, untimely, or altogether non-existent. The quality and quantity of food tends to be atrocious. Incarcerated people routinely experience horrendous living conditions such as high heat, extreme cold, poor ventilation, mold, vermin, and deplorable water quality. They also often lack access to basic sanitation services such as showers and working toilets, and adequate supplies of items such as toilet paper, menstrual products, and face masks.

In addition, prisons and jails are frequently situated in proximity to toxic industries or on sites that are environmentally contaminated, putting incarcerated people at an increased risk of harmful health impacts from polluted air and water.

Through organizing, litigation, and strategic communications, ALC works to mitigate all of these negative health and environmental conditions that incarcerated people encounter.

OUR WORK

Human Rights Program

Human rights violations and state violence travel across borders, so our movements for liberation and justice must be international.



ALC's Human Rights Program builds innovative challenges to U.S. state violence domestically and abroad through litigation and advocacy. Utilizing an abolitionist framework, we aim to strengthen popular movements to redistribute power in support of human needs instead of state violence and corporate profit.

The HRP has continued to expand its legal and factual investigations into the role of corporate actors in perpetuating the most egregious types of harm, with a specific lens towards challenging tech-enabled crimes alongside international and domestic partners. To date, the HRP has initiated investigations into eight+ corporations and led or co-led six public interventions related to accountability efforts.

Notably, in 2026, the HRP, joined by partners Center for Constitutional Rights and Tech Justice Law, notified Google LLC that the services and products it provided to Israel during its genocide in Gaza exposes the company and its officers to potential legal liability for aiding and abetting, contributing to, or otherwise being complicit in crimes committed by Israel against the Palestinian population of Gaza.

In 2026 the HRP joined tech justice and human rights partners Access Now, Center for Constitutional Rights, the Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO), and Tech Justice Law in filing two amicus briefs in Anthropic v. DOW highlighting the U.S. Department of War's ("DOW," or the Defense Department) use of Anthropic's Artificial Intelligence ("AI") product "Claude" in committing war crimes in the U.S.'s "Operation Epic Fury" in Iran, initiated February 28, 2026.

OUR MOVEMENT

ALC is a respected leader in movements addressing policing and mass incarceration, and we're called upon as policy and issue experts by the media.

ALC is deeply rooted in the communities that are most impacted by the carceral system, and we're involved with a vast network that is collectively challenging it. Through the lived experience of our staff and our years of work on these issues, ALC has developed authentic connections and credibility with impacted people, allied organizations, grassroots volunteers, funders, policy makers, elected officials, journalists, and others, whom we can mobilize for different opportunities.



Our movement ecosystem includes groups that were formed by people inside prisons and their loved ones, such as the Human Rights Coalition and the Coalition to Abolish Death By Incarceration, as well as inside/outside organizations like Let's Get Free and Prison Radio.

We're part of the PA Justice Alliance, a strategic alignment table organized by our 501(c)(4) sister organization, that coordinates the work of criminal legal reform organizations composed of formerly incarcerated people, grassroots activists, legal and policy advocates, and legislative organizers.

And we're involved with numerous groups and formations around Pennsylvania as well as on the regional and national levels—such as Families Against Mandatory Minimums, Civil Rights Corps, the Center for Constitutional Rights, and the Movement for Black Lives—that are challenging various aspects of mass incarceration and the criminal legal system.

OUR TEAM

We're grateful for the passionate dedication, savvy, and relentless work of our staff, and the wise guidance and generous gifts of time and knowledge from our board of directors.



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ALC is honored to receive financial support from individuals and institutions who share our abolitionist goals and recognize our unique expertise and leadership in this movement. We welcome their partnership and we appreciate and value every single instance of funding, from modest grassroots donations to major gifts and grants.

We also appreciate the valuable contributions of our many volunteers, interns, and contractors.

> ***"I've felt for a long time that our carceral system is one of our country's worst injustices. I was looking around for criminal justice organizations to support and found the Abolitionist Law Center had a really awesome mix of community organizing, harm reduction, and policy advocacy."***

> I recently moved to Philadelphia, and was looking for organizations to donate to that are positively impacting the people of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. I very much support the cause to abolish punitive systems, and I quickly found your organization and was heartened to see all the work ALC is doing for both current and long-term abolitionist goals—dismantling inhumane conditions that incarcerated folks currently face while also advocating for the dissolution of prison systems as a whole.

FUEL OUR WORK

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