Engaging the Incarcerated and Felon Re-enfranchisement

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2006 Constitutional Amendment

- Passed 51.54% - 48.46%
- Convicted felons can vote so long as they are not in a correctional facility
- Department of State was required to provide education on the new law
RI Department of Corrections

- Voter registration
- State IDs
- Duplicate SS cards/birth certs
- Healthcare signup
Secretary Gorbea’s Expanded Voter Initiative

- Found a champion
- Voter education
- Mock election with relevant questions
- Open dialogue
Next Steps

- Expand the program
- Mail ballots for those awaiting trial
- Follow up statistics
- Working with PDs
Questions

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