

Social Justice Action

“Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, ‘I will try again tomorrow’” – Mary Anne Radmacher

If you have something YOU are passionate about, please tell us so we can spread the word.

On Thursday Oct 26th the Senate voted on the *Comprehensive Criminal Justice Bill* (Now, S.2185).

Now it’s the turn of the house. Here’s the schedule:

- Bill released on Monday Nov 6th
- Anticipated debate and vote on the bill on Nov 15th
- Legislative recess begins on Nov 16th
- Following this break, the Conference Committee process begins. Here, consensus must be reached in each area of the bill where there is disparity between the House and Senate version. This process is expected to be complete by early December.

If you have not yet sent a letter of support to your representative, you can find a template to help you do so here → tinyurl.com/yaqeakpu (Jerry says → “I have my Rep on speed dial!”)

The ACLU has **phone bank sessions** on Criminal Justice reform. There will be two shifts at our Worcester office including Monday, November 13 from 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM and Tuesday, November 14 from 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM. If you would like to make calls from our Worcester office, RSVP to Chris Robarge at crobarge@aclum.org

Would you and your kids like to help out at the **Worcester County Food Bank**? Group opportunities fluctuate according to the amount of donations that WCFB receives. Groups receive training during the first part of their scheduled volunteer time.

- Group size: the maximum group size is 8 volunteers; a group of 6 to 8 volunteers is optimal.
- Minimum volunteer age: 13 years old

Scheduling:

- Group volunteer shifts: 9:00am to 12:00pm or 1:00pm to 3:30pm
- This is a one-shot volunteer opportunity.

Sobering Statistics: This site shows the locations and details of people killed by guns: <http://www.gunviolencearchive.org/last-72-hours>

See other side for more information

SOCIAL JUSTICE SURVEY – WHAT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU? TELL US ABOUT IT SO WE CAN PLAN AHEAD FOR EVENTS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU. <http://tinyurl.com/y8dmvxj8>

EVERYONE SUFFERING ECONOMIC HARDSHIP DESERVES A HAND. BUT IT SEEMS SOME GET MORE SYMPATHY THAN OTHERS.
WHAT IF WE TALKED ABOUT WHITE POVERTY THE WAY WE TALK ABOUT BLACK POVERTY?



Taking back our democracy. That's what the legislative hearing this Thursday is all about. The purpose is to get OUR state legislature to act on calling for a constitutional amendment clarifying that corporation as artificial entities do not have the same rights as people. We urge you to attend and invite a car load of friends to go with you and picket the hearing room – Thursday, 2:00PM – State House. I am sure that most people cannot go to the hearing, but one thing everyone can do and ask their friends to do is to **call their senator and representative and ask them to support this bill, H1826/S379, and to urge their fellow legislators to support it too.** You don't have to call during business hours. You can call anytime day or night and leave a message. If you don't have their phone numbers handy, look at <https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator>

**Jerry Breecher is the editor of this Social Justice Action sheet. I welcome any and all notices you would like to place here. Inherent in any such listing as this is a point of view – your point of view may differ from mine, but I would be truly delighted to express your social action agenda here.