In 1985, the era of mass incarceration started in Colorado when the state legislature passed a bill that doubled all felony sentences. The prison population grew at unprecedented rates for the next 25 years and the state prison budget exploded by almost 1288% over the past 35 years.

The time is now for a new transformational vision of safety and community health by ending mass incarceration and reinvesting in communities impacted by the overuse of the criminal justice system.

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