

Connecting Families is a coalition of directly impacted families and advocates in New York fighting to end the predatory cost of prison and jail communication.

## Here's What Incarceration Looks Like in New York:

**47k** There are approximately 31,000 people incarcerated in New York State prisons and 16,000 people incarcerated in county jails.



Over 75% of people in NY state prisons are Black and Latinx, even though they only represent 37% of NY's population.



Half of all New Yorkers have had an immediate family member incarcerated.



1 in 28 children has an incarcerated parent.

## The Impact of Prison & Jail Communication Costs on Families



**Choosing Between Food & Family:** 50% of families with an incarcerated loved one struggle to afford everyday necessities.



**Women are Overburdened by Costs:** Women, in particular Black and Latina women, pay for 87% of the cost associated with connecting with loved ones.



**Disproportionate Effect on Communities of Color:** With the criminal legal system disproportionately targeting communities of color, those are bear the burden of these prison and jail communication.

## Cost of Prison & Jail Communication

**60¢** per 15-minute call in NY state prisons

**\$3.15** per 15-minute call in most expensive NY county jail

**20¢** per stamp for an electronic message in NY state prisons

The Connecting Families Act (S1942/A2164) will ensure that all incarcerated New Yorkers have access to free communication to stay connected with their loved ones.