

Incarceration

Re [Amendment To Criminal Code Could Put Women In Greater Danger, Victims' Groups, Senators Warn](#) (Oct. 28): Senator Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu convincingly asks why the Canadian government seems more concerned about returning violent criminals to communities than the safety of women and children.

Some crimes are so violent that they require custodial sentences without the possibility of community-release schemes. The crimes outlined by Mr. Boisvenu should merit that treatment.

The reduction of unnecessary incarceration is an admirable goal, but should not come at the expense of victims. In the United States, there are many examples of programs like Bill C-5 that have led to the release of criminals who reoffend soon after discharge.

Canada should avoid repeating this experiment.

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