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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit the use of slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for a crime.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 17, 2021

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
8 States:

1 “ARTICLE —
2 “Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude may be
3 imposed as a punishment for a crime.”

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