I believe that too many people are being incarcerated and that our society must immediately develop and implement alternatives to incarceration. I believe in creating design for a society with real security and social justice for all, and I will not contribute my design to the perpetuation of wrongful institutions that abuse others. In recognition of the deep injustice of the present prison system, I pledge not to do any work that furthers the construction of prisons or jails.
CONCRETE & STEEL
DON’T CARE WHETHER THEY MAKE A
SCHOOL or a PRISON but...

SHOULDN’T YOU?

THE STATS

There are 2 million people locked up in federal, state, and county facilities. More than 6 million people are in parole or probation.
The United States incarcerates more people than any other country in the world.
Every day in the United States 200 new jail cells are constructed.
Black people are 7.8 times more likely to be imprisoned than whites when convicted of the same crime.

AN EXPENSIVE PRICE TO PAY

Prisons cost taxpayers over $32 billion a year.
Every year that an inmate spends in prison costs $22,000; The cost of a full life term averages $1.5 million.
Over the course of the last 20 years, the amount of money spent on prisons increased by 570% while that spent on elementary and secondary education increased by only 33%.

GET INVOLVED! Check out www.adpsr.org for information about how you can join the prison boycott campaign and contribute to social justice in the U.S.
Established in 1981, ADPSR works for peace, environmental protection, ecological building, social justice and the development of healthy communities.

ADPSR has organized a Prison Design Boycott Campaign, featuring a poster design competition to explain the problems with the current U.S. prison system, and why the refusal to contribute to it is an important and effective response. Featured in this issue are the winning entry and the two runners-up.

It Is Time To Stop Building Prisons
Our prison system is both a devastating moral blight on our society and an overwhelming economic burden on our tax dollars, taking away much needed resources from schools, health care and affordable housing. The prison system is corrupting our society and making us more threatened, rather than protecting us as its proponents claim. It is a system built on fear, racism, and the exploitation of poverty. Our current prison system has no place in a society that aspires to liberty, justice, and equality for all.

As architects, we are responsible for one of the most expensive parts of the prison system, the construction of new prison buildings. Almost all of us would rather be using our professional skills to design positive social institutions such as universities or playgrounds, but these institutions lack funding because of spending on prisons. If we would rather design schools and community centers, we must stop building prisons.

Please join members of Architects / Designers / Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR) in pledging to not participate in the design, construction, or renovation of prisons. We also invite you to learn more about the prison system, to join us in envisioning more just and productive alternatives to incarceration, and to work towards a society that treats all its members with dignity, equality, and justice.

As of July 26, 2006, 614 professionals have signed the ADPSR pledge. If you work in these industries, and would like to pledge your support, see: www.adpsr.org/prisons/form_individual.htm

Featured on front cover: “Escaping Identity”
Contest Winner: Miguel Bermudez, Ann Arbor, MI

Featured at left: “Shouldn’t You... Boycott Prison Design?”
Runner-up: William Arbizu & Kerstin Vogdes, Brooklyn, NY

Featured below: “Boycott Of Prisons”
Runner-up: Jan Sabach, Brooklyn, NY

PRISON DESIGN BOYCOTT PLEDGE FOR INDIVIDUAL SIGNERS
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