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Closing of Sugar Land Prison subject of this week's Texas PolicyCast



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In a historic turn of events, tough-on-crime Texas is closing Sugar Land Prison and doing it with the support of a conservative governor and legislature.

"The empty cells were once unthinkable in a tough-on-crime

state like Texas that once couldn't build prisons fast enough," the Austin American-Statesman reported. "Texas joins a nationwide trend of shutting expensive state prisons, driven partly by red ink in state budgets, partly by a drop in convict numbers (with the lowest crime rate since 1973) and partly by a policy shift from lock-'em-up justice to rehabilitation programs."

Right on Crime - a conservative advocacy group started by the Texas Public Policy Foundation's Center for Effective Justice - has been extraordinarily active in Texas, helping the Lone Star State lead the nation in smart corrections reforms which are both tough on crime and tough on spending.

On this week's Texas PolicyCast, www.rightoncrime.com, Marc Levin, senior policy advisor to Right on Crime, talks about the closing of Sugarland, what this means for Texas, and how corrections reform is cutting costs and cutting crime across the country.

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