What makes a community safe?

...Prisons?

...Border checkpoints?
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We are living in a time of increased criminalization* and mass disappearance of our communities.

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We are dedicated to healing our community while building unity across communities of color.
We came together from across frontline communities to resist the criminalization of youth and the school-to-prison pipeline. We took a page from the South African divestment movement... and across different struggles.

To end to Immigration raids.

To stop police brutality.

And we're learning with every new campaign.
FREEDOM TO THRIVE aims to:

- EDUCATE,
- AGITATE,
- and MOBILIZE

community members who fight the expansion of the prison industry.

And it’s working! In Portland, a successful intersectional campaign brought together many communities, resulting in the country’s first ever city divestment from ALL corporate securities!

...and in July of 2018, another win: New York moved to become the first U.S. state to divest from private prisons.

Led by black students, another campaign succeeded in getting Columbia University to divest from private prisons in 2015 — the first university to do so.

COLUMBIA PRISON DIVEST

and that’s just the beginning...
FREEDOM TO THRIVE helped get $4.2 billion dollars divested from private prisons and related industries.

City of Seattle

$3 billion

$539 million
$475 million
$48 million
$36 million
$21.6 million

imagine what that kind of money could do for your community...

Mental Health Crisis Support
Trans-Inclusive Health Care
Infrastructure & Public Works
Community Arts & Culture
Affordable Housing

PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANIES ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW "MARKETS," SELLING EVERYTHING FROM BREATHALYZERS TO PIPELINE SECURITY, TO ANKLE MONITORS...

They are now turning people's homes into prisons...

But in the fight against mass criminalization, there's a long road ahead of us...

House arrest by ankle monitor is an example of e-carceration, or "the use of technology to deprive people of their liberty."
Our story shows it's possible. When we divest from police and prisons, we can invest in people and the planet.

Now is the time to say: NOPE!

Politicians, prison corporations, even telecommunication companies... want to profit off human misery?

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