



# MARC ROSSON

State Representative, District 87

Prior to running for office, Marc Rosson has worked as a farmer and real estate developer and previously ran for Arkansas State Representative in 2014. in District 20.

What is the biggest issue facing the state of Arkansas and how would you address this problem if elected?

Over taxation. Vote against every tax or fee hike

What would be your top 3 priorities for utilizing the surplus budget in Arkansas, if you had full power over the surplus?

Return It to tax payers & cut taxes

How do you define public safety and what changes would you make to keep all communities safe?

Keeping the general public safe. Utilize rehabilitated prisoners to help teach kids in the communities the consequences of their actions.

**What (if any) changes do you believe are needed to the criminal legal system in Arkansas?**

When an inmate finishes their sentence and fines paid they should have a clean record and rights back. There should be a part of the prison checking to see if people are in good mental health and if not they need treated.

**The Arkansas Public Defenders Commission has been underfunded for many years. Would you support increasing funding to help bring the department in line with American Bar Association recommendations which cap caseloads at 150 felony cases per attorney? Why or why not?**

They need a cap and should be effective.

**It has become common knowledge across the state of Arkansas that those facing health conditions concerning addiction and mental health are located at an increasing rate in the state prisons and local county jails. What solutions do you feel should be explored in this area?**

**I have helped former inmates for years to help them stay clean. There are numerous options many have got to do with mental health issues in the beginning. Treat the root problem. We need productive citizens**

Research indicates that juveniles that encounter the justice system in their youth will have a higher likelihood of entanglement with the adult criminal justice system. What strategies do you support to decrease this likelihood?

Give them options like military service or other something they can learn from.

Neuroscience research has indicated that the human brain is not fully formed until approximately age 25, meaning that impulse control and long-term thinking can be impaired. Would you consider reclassifying how Arkansas young adults are treated in the adult system? Are there specific adjustments that should/could be made?

No. I do believe that there should be not thing harsh done to them for stupid crap. Throw them in jail a couple days and no fines etc would help like in the old days.

Do you think we have a “parole problem” and how would you address it?

Yes. Parole officers don't do their jobs in most cases

The Arkansas Department of Corrections identified reducing solitary confinement –a practice labeled torture under international law– as a major objective in their 2021–2022 Strategic Plan, however the number of people held in isolation continues to grow. Do you agree with the need to reduce solitary confinement in our state? Why or why not?

Yes. They would be better off losing phone, letters and other family and friend contact. These contacts are partly responsible for repeat offenders.