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Louisiana incarcerates a large amount of its population. After hundreds of years it's not news that race largely determines who is incarcerated, regardless of crimes committed. In the last generation, we have seen the prison industry sprawl across the United States to become a “growth industry,” taking these basic injustices and turning them into an absurd carnival where human beings become mere bodies whose dignity is mined for profit.

In addition to Louisiana’s somewhat special condition within the United States, there is now an increased need for prisoner support and re-training as the State cuts funding from the kinds of programs that keep those of us on the inside and those of us on the outside connected as a whole population.

In light of this great need, Cornerstone Builders' Bus is a program on which many Louisianans, of many political stripes, can agree. Below is contact information for the Cornerstone Builders Bus Project, which is affiliated with the Second Zion Baptist Church and Catholic Charities. You can find out more about it at our website [nolatoangola.org](http://nolatoangola.org) <http://www.ccano.org/programs/social-justice/>

I’m riding from New Orleans to Angola to fund the much more difficult journey of those families that remain bonded while separated by the distance, by fences, by bars and glass.

**Our goal this year is to raise $6000, or half a year of bus rides for families to 5 different correctional facilities upstate. The buses are always full.**

if you support this bus, sponsor me as a rider by sending me a pledge email with your sponsor amount in the form linked below (name, address, phone, pledge amount)

<http://dl.dropbox.com/u/41534565/NOLA-Angola_sponsorship_form.pdf>

and mail in your check to **1631 Elysian Fields #117, NOLA 70117.**

* Checks should be made out to “**Second Zion Baptist Church Bus Project**,” "NOLA to Angola” and my name in the memo.

and we'll send you a thank you letter as a receipt.

If you are digitally inclined, donate directly to the **paypal** account at **info@nolatoangola.org**

we can send you a thank you e-mail.

**I'm asking for a dollar a mile, or $160. Pledge what you can.**

As riders, we are funding our own meals and support costs, so every dollar you give goes directly to connecting families trying to reach and sustain each other against all odds.

Let's roll! (some buses)

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