

Criminal justice system needs easy and free access to DNA testing

Given the incredible power of DNA to exonerate the innocent and expose the guilty, it's alarming that a mountain of red tape still impedes its use.

This new forensic tool has been a game-changer for our criminal justice system, exonerating more than 300 people nationwide. One of them was New Jersey's own Gerard Richardson, an Elizabeth man [who spent 19 years in prison for a murder he didn't commit](#).

He finally won his freedom last year, and today, he'll be in Trenton with his lawyer from the Innocence Project, to tell Senate lawmakers why it's [so crucial to pass a bill that fixes our state's DNA testing laws](#).

Two big problems continue to ruin innocent lives and let the guilty walk free: First, it's too difficult to use DNA test results from private laboratories to reveal the true perpetrator of a crime. Second, it's virtually impossible for an ex-con who still swears he's innocent to get DNA testing.

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