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## **Retooling punishments to reroute ex-felons' lives: editorial**

By The Plain Dealer Editorial Board

They are known as collateral sanctions: hundreds of tough-on-crime penalties that can pander more to political expediency than pragmatism and make a mockery of a justice system that is supposed to prize rehabilitation and limit recidivism.

The loss of a driver's license for chronic nonpayment of child support and jail time for the worst abusers seem appropriate consequences for such heartless malefactors -- especially those whose offenses are grave enough to warrant felony convictions for nonpayment of support.

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