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**The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues  
in conjunction with the Honorable James P. McGovern**

presents a Congressional Lunch Seminar:

## **Criminal Justice Reform in the Midwest: Justice Reinvestment in Nebraska**

***Thursday, April 20, 12:00 – 1:15 pm***  
**2075 Rayburn House Office Building**

**Richard L. Wiener, Ph.D., MLS**

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**Honorable Judge John Colborn**

District Court of Nebraska, Third Judicial District  
Justice Reinvestment Initiative Implementation  
Committee of the Nebraska Supreme Court

Recent years have witnessed increased interest in criminal justice reform in multiple state and federal jurisdictions from both the right and the left. The goals of these efforts have been to decrease recidivism, increase public safety, and improve offender reentry outcomes—all the while decreasing the cost of corrections. In conjunction with the Council of State Governments, the State of Nebraska has actively engaged in Justice Reinvestment to move forward in achieving these objectives. In this seminar, Dr. Richard Wiener and Nebraska District Court Judge John Colborn will discuss the story of criminal justice reform in Nebraska. Dr. Wiener will describe this work from the point of view of the legislature, the judiciary, and the executive branches. The speakers will pay special attention to the way in which policy initiatives have brought about change in Nebraska and document the resulting advances in risk assessment, evidence-based practice, and lower recidivism.

This is a widely attended event. Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to Sarah Mancoll ([smancoll@spssi.org](mailto:smancoll@spssi.org)) to confirm your attendance.