

# Weldon Angelos

## Biography

Weldon Angelos is a music producer who has worked with artists like Snoop Dogg, Tupac Shakur's rap group, and Tory Lanez, among many others.

In 2004, Weldon became the national face of criminal justice reform after he was sentenced to 55 years in prison for selling \$900 worth of cannabis as a first-time offender. His cause was championed by Senators Cory Booker (D-NJ) & Mike Lee (R-UT), celebrities, leading news organizations like the *Washington Post*, and even the judge who sentenced him, which led to an early release in 2016 after serving 13 years of his 55-year sentence.

Since his release, Weldon has become a leading activist working with a bipartisan coalition of celebrities, lawmakers, and business leaders to make our criminal justice system fair for everyone. He was instrumental in the passage of the monumental First Step Act, which was signed into law in 2018, and he has successfully advocated for the release of many people serving unjust prison sentences, including Bad Boy Records rapper Loon and Death Row Records co-founder Michael "Harry O" Harris.

Weldon is also a public speaker, author, and is currently producing a feature documentary about his story and the criminal justice system.

