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Frederick Douglass' Vision for Freedom and Equality

Agitate! Agitate! Agitate! In order to achieve freedoms for all, when Frederick Douglass was asked what advice he would give to a young black American, his response is what Cory Booker continues to do and inspires others to do the same. Cory Booker, the first African-American senator from New Jersey, has been a symbol that you shouldn't have to be afraid to stand up for the change you want to see in the world. Cory Booker has been fighting for equal rights for Americans. Booker works to make life better for those that are not always in a place to fight for themselves... even when other people do not agree with him.

As the current Administration works to change laws that protect the LGBTQ community, Cory Booker continues to take a stand no matter what people say or think as he fights for their rights. He marches with them to make sure that it is clear that he understands their struggle and will not give up. Cory Booker wants to make sure that everyone is protected underneath the government so he's introducing a bill to make sure that it happens. Cory Booker says, "It is just wrong that in a majority of states, LGBTQ Americans are not fully protected from being fired, evicted from their homes, or denied services because of who they are or who they love." It is time to end this kind of discrimination because LGBTQ Americans should have the freedom of full equality.

Just as Frederick Douglass saw the need to fight for the injustices of people, Cory has instituted The First Step Act to help prisoners be reformed and released back into the world for a second chance. Having started his work of helping the less fortunate in Newark, he knows how difficult it is to come out of jail and be given a second chance by society.

As a teen growing up in Newark who knows how it feels to have someone treated unfairly in the justice system, I feel that we need The First Step Act as a way to get justice for the unequal treatment of minorities. I grew up in a household where everyone knew to stay on the right side of the law, but things happen. My dad was sent to jail and got a five-year sentence for a crime that didn't require that much time. Although he got out for good behavior, he still didn't get the justice he deserved. But, it's good to know that there's a person out there that wants to make changes so that families such as mine won't have to face the same hardships that happened to my family. Cory Booker is taking strides to fix the injustice and unfairness that goes on in the judicial system by giving chances to people who the world has already turned their back on.

Frederick Douglass once said "where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them... neither persons nor property will be safe". And by the looks of all Cory Booker's hard work, he has taken these words to heart by carrying out Frederick Douglass' vision for equal opportunities and freedom that everyone deserves.