

October 22, 2025

The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
Chair  
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jim Jordan  
Chair  
U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Dick Durbin  
Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jamie Raskin  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Grassley, Chair Jordan, Ranking Member Durbin, and Ranking Member Raskin:

As the undersigned national, state, and local organizations, we write to express our strong support for the Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2025 (S.1843 / H.R.3552), led by Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and Cory Booker (D-NJ) along with Representatives Carol Miller (R-WV), Danny K. Davis (D-IL) and a broad bipartisan coalition of Members of Congress. The legislation reauthorizes critical reentry grant programs from the Second Chance Act of 2008, and enhances services and supports for housing, childcare, career training, and treatment for substance use disorders.

Over 95% of the prison population will eventually be released,<sup>1</sup> with more than 600,000 individuals returning to their communities from prison each year and an even higher number entering and exiting local jails.<sup>2</sup> To address this need, the Second Chance Act was passed by Congress with bipartisan support and signed into law by President Bush in April 2008, aiming to improve reentry services and lower recidivism rates.

Our organizations span a diverse set of disciplines, including state and local government associations, business leaders, faith groups, law enforcement, direct service providers, and organizations representing people with lived experience. From our various standpoints, we collectively recognize the need for strong reentry services and resources to ensure the success of people reentering their communities after incarceration, as well as the significant impacts that Second Chance programs have made in promoting healthier and safer communities.

Since its passage 16 years ago, Second Chance has supported communities across the country in their efforts to reduce recidivism, with grants administered to 871 agencies across the U.S. states, territories, and the District of Columbia.<sup>3</sup> From 2009 to 2024, the U.S. Department of Justice awarded over 1,350 Second Chance Act grants to states, local, and tribal governments, as well as reentry-focused nonprofit organizations.<sup>4</sup> To date, Second Chance grants have reached more than 442,000 justice-involved individuals who participated in reentry services or parole and probation programs.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Martin, E. & Garcia, M. (2022). Reentry Research at NIJ: Providing Robust Evidence for High-Stakes Decision-Making. *National Institute of Justice Journal*. <https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/reentry-research-nij-providing-robust-evidence-high-stakes-decision-making>

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. *Incarceration & Reentry*. <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/human-services/incarceration-reentry-0>

<sup>3</sup> National Reentry Resource Center. (2023). *Second Chance Month 2023: Opening Remarks from BJA Director Karhlton Moore*.

[https://nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/scm2023\\_openingRemarks\\_karhltonMoore.pdf](https://nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/scm2023_openingRemarks_karhltonMoore.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> CSG Justice Center. (2023, April 25). *Congressional Briefing on The Second Chance Act: Advancing Successful Reentry and Public Safety* [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gaq6rejYFCw>

<sup>5</sup> Ibid; Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. (2011-2020). *Second Chance Act Reentry Performance Reports*. <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/grant-performance-measurement/performance-data-reports#10-0>

The Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2025 will extend critical programs to reduce recidivism, invest in communities, and promote public safety by:

- (1) Reauthorizing key grant programs that provide vital services, supports, and resources for people reentering their communities after incarceration;
- (2) Expanding allowable uses for supportive and transitional housing services for individuals reentering the community from prison and jail; and
- (3) Enhancing addiction treatment services for individuals with substance use disorders, including peer recovery services, case management, and overdose prevention.

This reauthorization bill will ensure that communities across the nation continue to receive support for crucial reentry programs and services. The legislation will further address the challenges of the continued substance use disorder and overdose crisis facing our nation. It is estimated that 65% of the prison population has a substance use disorder,<sup>6</sup> and studies show that people released from prison can be 129 times more likely to overdose within the first two weeks of release.<sup>7</sup> Now, more than ever, it is vital for communities to be invested in with resources around substance use disorder treatment, housing, employment, and other essential reentry services.

We respectfully urge you to take swift action on this important legislation. We thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to supporting recidivism reduction and improved reentry programs and services nationwide.

Sincerely,

1. Council of State Governments Justice Center
2. 1st Step Male Diversion Program
3. 90Works Inc.
4. A Bella LaFemme Society
5. Abe Brown Ministries Inc.
6. AD-V Business Consulting, Inc.
7. Addiction Policy Forum
8. Addiction Professionals of North Carolina
9. Advocates for Change
10. Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Paroles
11. Alabama Goodwill Industries, Inc.
12. Alameda County Workforce Development Board
13. Alaska Behavioral Health Association
14. All of Us or None Louisville
15. Alliance for Safety and Justice
16. Alternative Community Penalties Program
17. Alvis, Inc
18. American Correctional Association
19. American Jail Association
20. American Probation and Parole Association
21. Amiracle4sure, Inc.
22. Amity Foundation
23. Amnesty International USA

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<sup>6</sup> National Institute on Drug Abuse. (2020). *Criminal Justice DrugFacts*. <https://nida.nih.gov/publications/drugfacts/criminal-justice#ref>

<sup>7</sup> Binswanger, I. A., Nowels, C., Corsi, K. F., Glanz, J., Long, J., Booth, R. E., & Steiner, J. F. (2012). Return to drug use and overdose after release from prison: a qualitative study of risk and protective factors. *Addiction science & clinical practice*, 7(1), 3. <https://doi.org/10.1186/1940-0640-7-3>

24. Anazao Community Partners
25. Anchorage Reentry Coalition
26. Anne Arundel County Community Action Agency
27. Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
28. Atlanta Center for Self Sufficiency
29. Banjoko Consulting LLC
30. Behavioral Health Foundation
31. Behind the Walls, Between the Lines
32. Benevolence Farm
33. Beyond the Bars
34. Beyond the Pod
35. Big Thought
36. BOOST Re-entry
37. Bougainvillea Manor LLC
38. Bridgeways
39. Bridging Hope, Inc.
40. Bring Light Save Life
41. Buenorang NPO
42. C4 Innovations
43. CADCA
44. Cal Poly Humboldt
45. Cal State, LA's Prison Graduation Initiative
46. California State Association of Counties
47. Camelot Counseling of Staten Island
48. CAPRI-Capital Area Prisoner ReEntry Initiative
49. Carlisle Area Religious Council
50. Carpenter Training Partners Inc
51. Casa Grande Alliance
52. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Inc.
53. Cayuga County Sheriff's Office
54. Center for Children & Youth Justice
55. Center for Community Alternatives (CCA)
56. Center for Creative Justice
57. Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)
58. Center for Improving Youth Justice
59. Center for Justice Innovation
60. Center for Living and Learning
61. Center Point, Inc.
62. Centre, Inc.
63. Chance for Change
64. Chicago Association Of Black Social Workers
65. Choice Research Associates
66. City of Poulsbo
67. Coalition on Human Needs
68. Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition, Inc.
69. Common Good Atlanta
70. Community Justice Center
71. Community Kitchen Pittsburgh
72. Community Mental Health of Ottawa County

73. Community Partnership of Southeast Missouri
74. Community Prevention Coalition of Teton County
75. Community Resources for Justice
76. Compass IL
77. Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
78. Conglomerate House
79. Connections Health Solutions
80. Connections Work
81. Constructing Hope Pre-Apprenticeship Program
82. CorJus Ohio
83. Corporation for Supportive Housing
84. Correctional Leaders Association
85. County of Boone, MO
86. County of Kauai, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, E Ho'i Ka Piko Re-entry Program
87. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
88. Criminal Justice Ministry
89. Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute at Portland State University
90. Cumberland County Adult Probation/Parole
91. Cumberland County Adult Reentry Program (CCARP)
92. CURE (Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants)
93. Damascus House Community Development Corporation
94. Dauphin County ReEntry Coalition
95. DC Reentry Housing Alliance
96. Diversion Hub
97. Douglas County Community Mental Health Center
98. Douglas County Government
99. Dream.Org
100. Drug Policy Alliance
101. Due Process Institute
102. EAC Network
103. Earth Neighborhood Productions
104. Eastern Ohio Correctional Centers
105. ECORN-MO
106. Educate To Engage LLC
107. Emergence Addiction and Behavioral Therapies
108. Essex County Sheriff's Department
109. F5 Project
110. Faces & Voices of Recovery
111. Faith & Freedom Coalition
112. Faith, Mercy & Truth, Ministry' International
113. Family Service of Montgomery County, PA
114. FareStart
115. Fathers Buildings Future
116. Flintridge Center
117. Florida Justice Institute
118. Focus Forward Project, Inc.
119. For The People
120. Formerly Incarcerated Union of Rhode Island
121. Freedom Enhancement Academy

122. FWD.us
123. Genesee County Community Corrections
124. Genesis Behavioral Health Services, Inc
125. Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy
126. Grace United Methodist Church
127. Green Thumb A.V. GRIP
128. Guara Bi West Care Puerto Rico
129. H.O.R. House of Restoration Community Solutions, LLC
130. Habitat for Habilitation
131. HAMIC/ Recampus
132. Hawaii Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation
133. Health Management Systems
134. Help Me Help You
135. Honest Jobs, Inc.
136. HopeWorks, Inc.
137. Horizon Goodwill Industries, Inc.
138. House of Mercy
139. Housing Works Inc.
140. Hub for Integration, Reentry & Employment
141. Huntington QRT/ Cabell County Emergency Medical Services/Huntington QRT (Quick Response Team)
142. IC&RC
143. Illinois Coalition to End Permanent Punishments
144. Impact Equitable Justice Inc
145. Information for Change - Washington
146. Inside Essentials LLC
147. Inside Out Peer Services
148. Inspire Positivity Inc
149. Institute for Behavior and Health, Inc.
150. Institute for Cognitive Therapy
151. International Community Justice Association
152. Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition
153. Isuccess INC
154. John Howard Association of Illinois
155. Journey of Hope, Inc.
156. Jubilee Home
157. Judicial Process Commission, Inc
158. Julia McKernan Ministries Inc.
159. Juneau Reentry Coalition
160. Justice Action Network
161. Juvenile Law Center
162. Kansas Department of Corrections
163. Kentucky Alliance of Recovery Residences
164. Keyway Center for Diversion and Reentry
165. Kitchens for Good
166. Kohnlinq, Inc.
167. Ladies Empowerment & Action Program
168. Langlade County Diversion Program
169. Law Enforcement Action Partnership

170. Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime & Incarceration
171. Legal Action Center
172. Life Learning Center
173. LifeWorks SC
174. Lived Experiences
175. Living Out Our Purpose
176. Long Beach Centro Community Hispanic Association (Centro CHA Inc)
177. Madison County Recovery Allies
178. Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA)
179. Marion County, Ohio Family Court
180. Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
181. MCJ Corrections Consulting, INC
182. Merakey
183. MI-CURE
184. Michigan Collaborative to End Mass Incarceration (MI-CEMI)
185. Milestone Community Wellness, LLC
186. Ministry on the Margins
187. MKS Promotes
188. Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Inc.
189. Motherhood Beyond Bars
190. Mountain Comprehensive Care
191. NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals
192. Nation Outside
193. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
194. National Alliance to End Homelessness
195. National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers
196. National Association of Counties
197. National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
198. National Association of Social Workers
199. National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Agency Directors (NASADAD)
200. National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
201. National Behavioral Health Association of Providers
202. National Conference of State Legislatures
203. National Council for Mental Wellbeing
204. National District Attorneys Association
205. National Employment Law Project
206. National League of Cities
207. National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives
208. National Workrights Institute
209. NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
210. New Age Services Corporation
211. New Hampshire Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
212. New Hour for Women and Children - LI
213. New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc.
214. New Jersey Parents Caucus
215. New River Community Action
216. New York State Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare
217. No More ODs, Inc
218. North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

219. North Dakota State Senator Tim Mathern, State Senate Office
220. Northern Children's Services
221. Northstar Correctional Education Services
222. Northwest Community Bail Fund
223. NPC Research
224. Office of Recovery & Reentry, North Dakota
225. Office of Reentry Partnerships, City of Philadelphia
226. Ohio Association of Local Reentry Coalitions
227. Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections
228. OhioCAN (Change Addiction Now)
229. Oklahoma County Diversion Hub, Inc.
230. One Net Coalition, Inc.
231. Operation Restoration
232. Opportunity Oregon
233. Oregon Justice Resource Center
234. Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty
235. Parrott Creek Child & Family Services
236. Partners for Progress
237. Pathfinders
238. Paul's Plan Ministries
239. Peaceprints of WNY
240. Pima County
241. Pinellas Ex Offender Reentry Coalition
242. Pioneer Human Services
243. Positive Recovery
244. PPRE Forevergreen of Charlotte Inc.
245. Prediction Outreach Services Inc
246. Prison Fellowship
247. Prisoners' Lives Matter PA Champaign
248. Project LPP: Lead. Protect. Provide.
249. Project Restart
250. R Street Institute
251. R.E.S.T.O.R.E
252. Rebuilding Bridges Counseling PLLC
253. Rebuilding Independence My Style
254. Redemption Outreach Services Inc
255. Reentry Working Group
256. Regional Housing Legal Services
257. Remissi's Inc
258. Repowered
259. Reproductive Justice Inside
260. Rescue 180 Inc.
261. Reset Missouri dba Viewpoints
262. ResourceFull Consulting
263. Responsible Business Initiative for Justice
264. Restorative Justice Project Maine
265. Revival Reentry SPC
266. Rhode Island Department of Corrections
267. Rockland Recovery Homes, Inc.

268. Roll Call
269. Safe Harbor Peer Support Services
270. Safer Foundation
271. Sage Advice Therapy LLC
272. Saint Louis University Transformative Workforce Academy
273. San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project
274. Sanford Behavioral Health
275. SEAL Inc Reentry Services
276. SEIU Local 500
277. Selective Training Educational Ministries LLC
278. Shangri-la
279. Shatterproof
280. Siouxland Human Investment Partnership (SHIP)
281. Smartnbeautiful LLC
282. Social Purpose Corrections
283. Speech Garden
284. Sponsors, Inc.
285. St. Vincent de Paul of Des Moines
286. St. Vincent de Paul Southwest Idaho
287. Start Corporation
288. STEAM Café
289. Straight & Narrow, Inc.
290. Student Advocacy Center of Michigan, Inc
291. Successful Reentry
292. Summit Recovery Hub
293. Supporting Community in Recovery Fund, Yakima Community Foundation
294. Supporting Our Loved Ones Group
295. Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program
296. Sycamores
297. TASC, Inc. (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities)
298. TechServ Corporation
299. Texas Federation of the People Foundation
300. Texas Harm Reduction Alliance
301. The Almond Connection
302. The Black Rose Collective
303. The BROCK Foundation
304. The Change Companies
305. The Corrections Lab, John Jay College
306. The Dannon Project
307. The Helping Way Transitional Program for Men
308. The Last Prisoner Project
309. The National Incarceration Association, Inc.
310. The North Lawndale Employment Network
311. The ReEntry Expert Inc.
312. The RIDGE Project Inc.
313. The River Church of St Joseph
314. This is Living Ministries, Inc.
315. Time for Change Foundation
316. Timelist Group, Inc.



- 317. Touch A Heart, Inc. a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- 318. Transforming Communication
- 319. Treatment Advocacy Center
- 320. Treatment Communities of America
- 321. Treatment Trends, Inc.
- 322. Truly Reaching You Inc.
- 323. Tufts University Prison Initiative of Tisch College (TUPIT)
- 324. Two Jinn Incorporated
- 325. TYRO Atlanta Inc
- 326. United Way of Dane County
- 327. Vermont Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants
- 328. Vermont Department of Corrections
- 329. Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform
- 330. VIP Community Services
- 331. Virginia CARES Inc.
- 332. Virginia Community Action Re-Entry Systems, Inc.
- 333. Volt
- 334. Volunteer Lawyers for Justice
- 335. Volunteers of America Texas
- 336. Walking In My Truth INC
- 337. Walters Way Regaining Your Life Foundation
- 338. Warehouseman Training, Inc.
- 339. Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- 340. Watch And Wallet
- 341. Wavelength Psychological Services, LLC
- 342. Weber Housing Authority
- 343. WeKonnnect, LLC.
- 344. West Piedmont Workforce Development Board
- 345. West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- 346. Willing 2 Move Forward
- 347. Winona County Attorney's Office
- 348. Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- 349. Workforce Development Board, Herkimer, Madison & Oneida Counties, Inc.
- 350. Young Christian Professionals
- 351. Youth Development, Inc.
- 352. Youth First Justice Collaborative
- 353. Youth Represent
- 354. YouthBuild Global