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The Honorable Barbara Mikulski
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Science, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Richard Shelby
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The Honorable Alan Mollohan
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The Honorable Frank Wolf
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Commerce,
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Committee on Appropriations
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Mikulski and Mollohan and Ranking Members Shelby and Wolf:

We write to express our support for full funding of the Second Chance Act in fiscal year 2011. Our diverse organizations have come together because we represent constituencies working to increase public safety by improving reentry from prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities.

The Second Chance Act, which passed with overwhelming bipartisan support and was signed into law in April 2008, is a common sense, evidence-based approach to reducing crime and improving public safety. The bill authorizes \$165 million for programs that will improve coordination of reentry services and policies at the state, tribal, and local levels, including demonstration grants, reentry courts, family-centered programs, substance abuse treatment, employment, mentoring and other services needed to improve transition from prison and jail to communities and reduce recidivism.

The Second Chance Act will provide crucial resources at a time when they are desperately needed. In 2008, federal and state prisons held over 1.6 million inmates – one in every 198 U.S. residents – and released 735,000 individuals back to their communities. And more than 9 million individuals are released from jail each year. Unfortunately, most individuals face numerous challenges when returning to the community from prison or jail, and research indicates that over half are reincarcerated within three years of their release. In a recent report, The Pew Charitable Trusts estimated that, if current growth rates continue, state and federal prisons will grow by 13 percent by 2013, adding more than 192,000 prisoners at a cost of \$27.5 billion. According to the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics, jails are growing at an even faster pace. However, research confirms that comprehensive, coordinated services can help formerly incarcerated individuals find stable employment and housing, thereby reducing recidivism.

By providing the resources needed to coordinate reentry services and policies at the state, tribal and local level, the Second Chance Act ensures that the tax dollars spent on corrections do not simply fuel a revolving door in and out of prison and jail. State, tribal and local governments and nonprofit organizations around the country are eager to launch and expand innovative reentry programs, and families and communities are desperate to access the services the Second Chance Act will provide.

Please support full funding for Second Chance Act programs in FY2011.

Sincerely,

1. 3 R Development, Butler County, OH
2. A Safe Haven Inc., Chicago, IL
3. A.R.R.O. (Advocacy, Re Entry, Resources and Outreach), Lansing, MI
4. Abe Brown Ministries, Inc., Tampa, FL
5. Addiction Education Center, Pennington Gap, VA
6. Addiction Treatment Advocates of New Jersey
7. Advocate 4 Justice, Inc., Atlanta, GA
8. Advocates for Recovery, Denver, CO
9. Agape Missions, Joliet, IL
10. AIDS Council of Northeastern New York
11. Alabama Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE)
12. All of Us or None Oklahoma
13. Alleluia Project of Oklahoma
14. Alston Wilkes Society
15. America Works of New York, Inc.
16. American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
17. American Correctional Association
18. American Federation of Government Employees
19. American Jail Association
20. American Probation and Parole Association
21. American Psychological Association
22. American Society of Addiction Medicine
23. Amity Foundation, Los Angeles and Vista, CA, and Tucson, AZ
24. Anderson Professional Training Services
25. Arapahoe House, Inc
26. Arizona Council of Human Service Providers
27. Arkansas Association of Substance Abuse Treatment Programs
28. Association of Behavioral Healthcare of Massachusetts
29. Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
30. Association of State Correctional Administrators
31. Association of Substance Abuse Programs of Texas
32. Atlanta Community Impact Program, Atlanta, GA
33. ATTIC Correctional Services of Wisconsin & Minnesota
34. Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable (A/TCRRT)
35. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
36. Behavioral Health Services Association of South Carolina
37. Benedict Center, Milwaukee, WI
38. Brainpower Inc., Bronx, NY
39. Bronx Defenders, Bronx, NY
40. California Association for Alcohol and Drug Program Executives, Inc.
41. California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources
42. California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives, Inc.
43. California Coalition Against Sexual Assault
44. California Public Defenders Association
45. Campaign for Youth Justice
46. Catholic Social Services of Lackawanna County, PA
47. Cenikor Foundation, Inc., Houston, TX

48. Center for Families and Children, Cleveland, OH
49. Center for Nuleadership on Urban Solutions, Brooklyn, NY
50. Center Point, Inc., San Rafael, CA
51. Centerforce, San Rafael, CA
52. Centre, Inc., Fargo and Bismarck/Mandan, ND
53. CentrePeace, Inc., Bellefonte, PA
54. Cheshire County Department of Corrections, Keene, NH
55. Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness
56. Chicago Jobs Council
57. Child Welfare League of America
58. Church of Scientology
59. Circle of Love Prison Recidivism Prevention Support Group, Staten Island, NY
60. Civic Association Serving Harlems, Inc.
61. Clare Housing, Minneapolis, MN
62. Coalition for Juvenile Justice
63. Coalition of Louisiana Addition and Prevention Service Providers
64. Colorado Association of Alcohol and Drug Service Providers
65. Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition
66. Colorado CURE
67. Community Action Partnership
68. Community Information Center, Portland, OR
69. Community Voices: Healthcare for the Underserved
70. Connecticut Association of Nonprofits
71. COOL Ministries, Inc., Houston, TX
72. Cornerstone Recovering Community, Chicago, IL
73. Cornerstone to the Oasis, Louisville, KY
74. Corporation for Supportive Housing
75. Correctional Education Association
76. Corrections Connection PRI, Seattle, WA
77. Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators (CJCA)
78. Council of State Governments Justice Center
79. County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator's Association of California
80. Covenant House New Orleans
81. Criminon International
82. Crosspoint, Inc., San Antonio, TX
83. Delaware Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
84. Delaware Center for Justice
85. Dismas Charities Inc.
86. Dismas House of Kansas City, Inc.
87. Divine Steps, Louisville, KY
88. Drug & Alcohol Service Providers Organization of Pennsylvania
89. Drug and Alcohol Treatment Association of Rhode Island
90. Drug Policy Alliance
91. Drug Policy Forum of Texas
92. Eagle Group
93. Elite House of Sober Living, Chicago, IL
94. Episcopal Church
95. Exponents, New York, NY
96. Faces & Voices of Recovery

97. Faces and Voices of Recovery South Carolina
98. Faces of New Mexico
99. Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM)
100. Family Reentry, Norwalk, CT
101. Family Service Agency, Phoenix, AZ
102. Fathers, Families In Transition (FFIT)
103. Federal Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (FedCURE)
104. Fight for Lifers West, Pittsburgh, PA
105. First Step of Sarasota, Inc., Sarasota, FL
106. First Stop-Second Chance (FSSC), Birmingham, AL
107. Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association
108. Foundation for Learning in Science and Health, Lexington, KY
109. Fraternal Order of X-Offenders
110. Friends Committee on National Legislation
111. Friends of Recovery – New Hampshire
112. Gateway to Glory Ministries, Inc., Sterling Heights, MI
113. Gemeinschaft Home, Harrisonburg, VA
114. Georgia Association of Community Providers
115. Global Youth Justice
116. Good Morning Parents
117. Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley, Dayton, OH
118. Goodwill Industries International
119. Guiding Right Inc., Oklahoma City, OK
120. Harvest Ministry of Oklahoma
121. Haymarket Center, Chicago, IL
122. Hiller & Associates, Oklahoma City, OK
123. Hour Children, New York, NY
124. Human Rights and the Drug War
125. Human Rights Coalition, Fedup Chapter
126. Human Rights Defense Center
127. Illinois Alcoholism & Drug Dependence Association
128. Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition
129. Indiana Association of Substance Abuse Providers
130. International Community Corrections Association
131. Iowa Behavioral Health Association
132. Iowa CURE
133. Jewish Prisoner Services International
134. JIFF, Inc., Memphis, TN
135. Justice Maryland
136. Juvenile Justice Trainer's Association
137. Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals
138. Kansas City Community Center, MO
139. Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission, Kansas City, MO
140. Kentucky Council of Churches
141. Kentucky Department of Corrections
142. Kentucky Rehabilitation Association
143. Leaders in Community Alternatives, San Francisco, CA
144. Legal Action Center
145. LifeLong CURE

146. Light of the Whirl, Kansas City, MO
147. Living Room, Inc., Atlanta, GA
148. Local Initiatives Support Corporation
149. Maine Association of Substance Abuse Programs
150. Marian House, Baltimore, MD
151. Marion County Sheriff's Office, Oregon
152. Maryland Addictions Directors Council
153. Maryland CURE
154. Maternity Care Coalition, Philadelphia, PA
155. Mental Health America
156. Mental Health Association of DC
157. Message Carriers of Pennsylvania, Inc.
158. Metropolitan Community College of Kansas City, MO - Business Technology Campus
159. MFY Legal Services, Inc., New York, NY
160. Michigan Association of Licensed Substance Abuse Organizations
161. Michigan CURE
162. Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association
163. Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery & Chemical Health
164. Minnesota Fathers & Families Network (MFFN)
165. Mississippi Association of Addiction Services
166. Missouri Addiction Services Providers Association
167. Missouri CURE
168. Missouri Recovery Network
169. Montana Addiction Service Providers
170. NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals
171. National African American Drug Policy Coalition - Detroit Chapter
172. National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Inc.
173. National AIDS Housing Coalition
174. National Alliance of Faith and Justice
175. National Alliance to End Homelessness
176. National Alliance to End Sexual Violence
177. National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice
178. National Association of Counties
179. National Association of Social Workers
180. National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD)
181. National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
182. National Black Police Association
183. National Center on Institutions and Alternatives, Inc.
184. National Coalition for the Homeless
185. National Coalition on Black Civic Participation
186. National Consortium of TASC Programs
187. National Correctional Industries Association
188. National Council of Community Behavioral Healthcare
189. National Criminal Justice Association
190. National Employment Law Project
191. National H.I.R.E. Network
192. National Legal Aid & Defender Association
193. National Network for Youth
194. National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS)

195. National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness (NPACH)
196. National Sheriffs' Association
197. National Transitional Jobs Network
198. National Trust for the Development of African American Men
199. Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations
200. NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
201. Nevada Alliance for Addictive Disorders Advocacy, Prevention and Treatment Services
202. New Age Services, Chicago, IL
203. New Beginnings Treatment Center, Inc., Tucson, AZ
204. New Hampshire Alcohol & Other Drug Service Providers Association
205. New Hampshire Taskforce on Women & Recovery
206. New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies, Inc.
207. New Jersey Association on Correction
208. New York State Association of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers
209. New York Therapeutic Communities Inc (Stay'n Out Program)
210. Nexus Recovery Center, Inc., Dallas, TX
211. North American Association of Wardens & Superintendents
212. North Carolina Association for Behavioral Health Care
213. North Carolina CURE
214. North Carolina TASC
215. North Dakota Addiction Treatment Providers Coalition
216. North Lawndale Employment Network, Chicago, IL
217. Northern Neck Offender Reentry and Transition Services Program, Warsaw, VA
218. Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) of Arlington County, VA
219. Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) of Richmond, VA
220. Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) of Charlottesville, VA
221. Ohio Community Corrections Association (OCCA)
222. Ohio Council of Behavioral Healthcare Providers
223. Oklahoma CURE
224. Oklahoma Partnership for Successful Reentry
225. Oklahoma Substance Abuse Services Alliance
226. Old Pueblo Community Services, Tucson, AZ
227. Oregon CURE
228. Oregon Prevention, Education, and Recovery Association
229. Oriana House, Inc., Akron, Cleveland, and Tiffin, OH
230. Our Daughters and Sons Support Group, Hampton, VA
231. Our Father's House, Louisville, KY
232. Parker's House Foundation, Inc., Charlotte, NC
233. Partnership for a Drug Free North Carolina
234. Pathways For Change, Pensacola, FL
235. People Advocating Recovery, Louisville, KY
236. People of Color Against AIDS Network, Seattle, WA
237. Phoenix House Foundation, New York, NY
238. Pioneer Human Services, Seattle, WA
239. Plumas Rural Services, Quincy, CA
240. Prison Fellowship
241. PS&A Case Management and Provider Agency, Oklahoma City, OK
242. R/6 Mentoring Inc., Kentucky
243. Recovery Oriented Solutions, LLC, Chicago, IL

244. Redeem-Her, Toms River, NJ
245. Rehabilitation Through the Arts (RTA), Katonah, NY
246. Resource Information Help for the Disadvantaged, Richmond, VA
247. Restorative Justice Ministries Network of North America
248. Restoring Dignity, Inc.
249. Rhode Island Council of Community Mental Health Organizations
250. Robeson County Offender Resource Center, Lumberton, NC
251. Safe Streets Arts Foundation
252. Safer Foundation
253. Sage Educational Services, Inc., Miami, FL
254. Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
255. SEARCH Homeless Services, Houston, TX
256. Second Genesis, Inc., Silver Spring, MD
257. SHIELDS for Families, Inc., Los Angeles, CA
258. SJM Family Foundation, Irving, TX
259. Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louis Council
260. South Dakota Council of Substance Abuse Directors
261. St. Leonard's Ministries, Chicago, IL
262. State Associations of Addiction Services (SAAS)
263. Substance Abuse and Addiction Recovery Alliance (SAARA) of Virginia
264. Substance Abuse Directors Association of Alaska, Inc.
265. Talbert House, Cincinnati, OH
266. Tarzana Treatment Centers, CA
267. TASC Illinois
268. Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug & other Addiction Services
269. Texas CURE
270. Texas Jail Project, Austin, TX
271. Texas Offender Reentry Initiative (T.O.R.I.)
272. The Center for Urban Families, Baltimore, MD
273. The Chosen House, Inc., Chandler, OK
274. The Corps Network
275. The Glory House, Sioux Falls, SD
276. The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
277. The National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated at Family and Corrections Network
278. The Pendulum Foundation, Denver, CO
279. The Potters House of Dallas, Inc. (MEDC)
280. The Quality Academy, Miami, FL
281. The RASE Project, Harrisburg, PA
282. The RFK Juvenile Justice Collaborative: A Project of the RFK Center for Justice and Human Rights and the RFK Children's Action Corps
283. The Sentencing Project
284. The U.S. Conference of Mayors
285. The Wellness, Redemption, & Rehabilitation Program, Inc., Las Vegas, NV
286. The Work First Foundation
287. Therapeutic Communities of America
288. Towards Employment, Cleveland, OH
289. TurnAround Village, Covington, LA
290. Union for Reform Judaism

291. Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations
292. United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries
293. United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
294. Urban Resource Strategists, Inc., Miami, FL
295. Utah Behavioral Healthcare Network
296. Vermont Association of Addiction Treatment Programs
297. Veterans Chamber of Commerce a/k/a Veterans Village, Wheat Ridge, CO
298. Victory Circle Peer Support, Inc., Springfield, MO
299. Virginia Association of Drug and Alcohol Programs
300. Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness
301. Virginia Community Action ReEntry Systems (CARES), Inc.
302. Virginia CURE
303. Volunteers of America Delaware Valley, Collingswood, NJ
304. Washington Association of Alcoholism and Addiction Programs
305. Welcome Home Central Valley, Fresno, CA
306. Wellbriety For Prisons Inc., Nampa, ID
307. WestCare Foundation
308. Wisconsin Association of Alcoholism & Drug Counselors Inc. (WAADAC)
309. Wisconsin Council on Community Corrections
310. Woman at the Well Transition Program, Atlanta, GA
311. Women of Reform Judaism
312. Write-Way Prison Ministry, Garland, TX
313. Xtreme Soulutions, Marion County, GA