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Re: Call for Cosponsors on Second Chance Reauthorization Act

Dear Representative and Staff,

Together with a national coalition of approximately 550 organizations, CPR endorses H.R. 3465, the Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2013. We all embrace these improvements upon the 2007 legislation and encourage the House and Senate to reauthorize these programs. On the whole, Second Chance aims to provide more resources to coordinate reentry services and policies, sparing tens of thousands of American lives from an infinite regress of reincarceration. The bill proposes rehabilitation with an emphasis on the controls, diminishing the expensive prison population, and making room in our institutions for truly high-risk criminals.

Introduced by Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (WI), current Republican Cosponsors include Steve Stockman (TX), Howard Coble (NC), Spencer Bachus (AL), Steve Chabot (OH), Bill Johnson (OH), David Joyce (OH), Christopher Gibson (NY), and Rodney Davis (IL). Now, we are asking that you join your fellows in cosponsoring this straightforward and fiscally reasonable measure to lower recidivism rates and strengthen the moral fiber of our communities. At CPR, we are open to your suggestions and amendments in order to move the bill back to the floor in good form, ensuring that its passage will be humane, tough on crime, and easy on the U.S. budget.

As a reminder, we are here to serve as your prison reform resource-hub, and Edwina Rogers, our Executive Director, is available to meet at your convenience on the Hill.



Sincerely,

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