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<mark>[Name of Organization]</mark> Celebrates Second Chance Month with Day of Action

<mark>[CITY, STATE—MONTH, DATE, YEAR]—</mark>[Name of Organization] commemorated Second Chance Month on April <mark>X</mark> with a Day of Action highlighting its efforts to help people transitioning from prison or jail back into the community.

Second Chance Month, which takes place throughout April, was born out of the Second Chance Act, a law passed by Congress in 2008 that supports work to improve reentry outcomes in communities across the country.

<mark>[Name of Organization]</mark> participated in the Day of Action by <mark>[Details of the event].</mark>

<mark>[Insert a quote here about your organization's day of action efforts.]</mark>

More than a decade ago, high recidivism rates were the norm for people being released from prison and jail. Incarceration rates soared, and many correctional facilities were at or above capacity. Corrections officers on the front line of reentry efforts were equipped to do little more than keep people within the walls of their facilities.

A movement built on extensive research and the tireless efforts of local leaders across the country began to change the nation's perception of reentry. Today, policymakers, corrections officials, and other leaders champion efforts to reduce reoffending in order to promote public safety, strengthen collaboration across agencies, and build stronger communities.

"Reentry isn't just about staying out of prison," said Dr. Nicole Jarrett, director of the National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC), which provides research and support for reentry practitioners across the country through funding from the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance. "Reentry is also about reuniting families, eliminating barriers to employment, finding stable housing, and much more. That's been a critical realization over the years. Now we're working to connect all of these elements in order to strive for success with each person returning to their community."

To build further momentum for Second Chance Month, The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center—which administers the NRRC in collaboration with the Bureau of Justice Assistance—is partnering with JustLeadershipUSA, a group dedicated to cutting the U.S. correctional population in half by 2030, to help highlight the work being done by <mark>[Name of Organization]</mark> and other reentry practioners across the country.

"JustLeadershipUSA is thrilled to partner with the NRRC and the CSG Justice Center for Second Chance Month. This is an opportunity for people, communities, and government to lift up efforts and solutions to systemic reentry barriers faced by people with records," said DeAnna R.

Hoskins, president and CEO of JustLeadershipUSA. "#ReentryMatters to us because a #WORKINGfuture for all results in healthier communities and a stronger democracy."

[Describe what your organization does.]

[Insert a quote here about what reentry means to you.]

To learn more about Second Chance Month, follow the hashtag #ReentryMatters on social media.

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About [Your Organization's Name]
[Insert brief description here.]

About The Council of State Governments Justice Center
The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center is a national nonprofit organization that serves policymakers at the local, state, and federal levels from all branches of government. It develops research-driven strategies to increase public safety and strengthen communities. For more information about the CSG Justice Center, visit www.csgjusticecenter.org.

About JustLeadershipUSA
JustLeadershipUSA (JLUSA) is dedicated to cutting the correctional population in #halfby2030. JLUSA's #WORKINGfuture campaign, under the leadership of those most impacted, is centered on human dignity and removing barriers so that people coming home from prison and people on parole and probation will have access to education, employment, food, healthcare, housing, and voting.For more information about JLUSA, visit www.justleadershipusa.org.