

August 25, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

We, the undersigned, represent businesses and employers from across the country that have hired individuals released from federal prison to home confinement under the CARES Act. Our employees are working hard, following the rules, and paying taxes. We urge to use your authority to keep them home so that they can continue to be productive members of our communities.

As you know, the CARES Act allowed for thousands of people to be moved from federal prisons to home confinement to save lives from COVID-19. Many of these people have been home for a year or more and have worked hard to reintegrate into their families and communities. We are proud to share that we hired individuals on home confinement, and they are now an important part of our businesses.

As you know, our country is suffering a labor shortage with a record-high 9 million job openings. Even in the best of times, finding the right employee can be a challenge. We know people with criminal records also face challenges when they look for work. We were happy that we were able to offer our employees on home confinement a second chance. We recognize that meaningful employment helps reduce a person's chances of reoffending.

We know that forcing these people back to prison will be devastating for them and their families. But we also wanted you to know that doing so will hurt us, as well. We will be forced to lose good employees that we trained and have come to rely on. We do not think it makes any sense – from a public safety or economic standpoint – to return people to prison who are doing everything right.

We were willing to give them a second chance and they are making the most of it. We urge you to use your authority to keep them home with their families and us.

Sincerely,

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