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The Honorable Phil Bryant
Governor
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Re: Thank You for Your Support of Policies in House Bill 387

Governor Bryant,

Thank you for your office's support of the policies within House Bill 387 as it worked its way through the legislative process in recent weeks. Your leadership in pushing for evidence-based criminal justice reform measures will make a tremendous difference.

House Bill 387 recently passed both chambers unanimously. It incorporates common sense reforms designed to protect our streets, reduce recidivism, and help put people back to work. The bill works by ensuring: that driver's license restrictions are not applied arbitrarily to prevent people from traveling to and from work; that non-violent, non-habitual offender's inability to pay fines does not result in unnecessary and costly imprisonment; that parolees who are employed can make use of modern technology to maintain their parole requirements and employment; and, through a study on sentencing, that the punishment fits the crime.

These are reforms that will make Mississippi citizens safer and lighten the burden on taxpayers—freeing law enforcement to use limited resources to pursue, prosecute, and incarcerate those criminals that pose the greatest risk and breaking cycles of incarceration for those who truly want to be productive members of society.

From your career in law enforcement until present, perhaps no one has been a greater advocate for public safety. The enactment of this smart public safety legislation will have a positive, lasting impact. On behalf of the signatories to this letter, thank you for your help in shepherding these policies into law.



Sincerely,

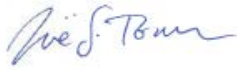
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