



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001

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National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice  
P.O. Box 1759  
Washington, DC 20013

Dear NABCJ:

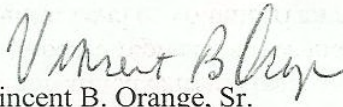
This letter is to express my support for the plans and implementation of the Metropolitan DC Ex-Offender Employment and Restoration Initiative.

Recognizing the role of F.A.I.T.H., Inc. as the catalyst for this vision, you have demonstrated extreme responsibility in assuming the task to unite agencies, organizations and faith-based representatives into one central theme and focus. You have further demonstrated the highest level of volunteerism and civic minded community service by orchestrating a project that will serve the interest of persons with significant needs and guidance as well as assist in the fulfillment of the mission of several agencies. I further commend your vision for bringing this project to other metropolitan areas pending its success here in the nation's Capitol.

I applaud the dedication of the staff from the Federal Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Probation, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency and pastors or our area churches who have volunteered their time to make this project a reality. I further compliment the manner in which you have broadened the vision of the Congressional Black Caucus 2000-2001 Fellows "Lift As We Climb" Program.

You have my sincere appreciation for the continuity and success of your work and continued commitment.

Sincerely,

  
Vincent B. Orange, Sr.  
Councilmember, Ward 5