

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



MARGRET NEDELKOFF KELLEMS
Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

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Addie Richburg, Project Coordinator
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Dear Ms. Richburg:

I am writing to express my support for the outstanding work of the Metropolitan DC Ex-Offender Employment and Restoration Initiative. Supporting ex-offenders as they reenter our communities is critically important not only to the lives of the ex-offenders, but also to our communities. Your efforts to coordinate resources from both the public and private sectors to support this goal are impressive.

As you are aware, my office, together with Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, recently co-hosted a symposium on reentry in the District of Columbia to begin to develop a common vision of what an effective reentry system should look like. The relationships that the initiative has already begun to establish among government agencies, non-profit service providers, and the faith community will be an invaluable asset in making an improved reentry system a reality.

I regret that I will not be able to attend tomorrow's press conference; however, you have my enthusiastic support as you move forward and I will look forward to even greater collaboration as we collectively work to build a stronger supervision and support network for ex-offenders in the District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margret Nedelkoff Kellems', written over a faint, illegible stamp.

Margret Nedelkoff Kellems
Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice