

## **Javon Thomas Letter of Support**

My name is Javon Thomas; I appreciate the opportunity to share the positive influence my time in the America Works of Maryland, Inc. program has had on the trajectory of my life. I have been working with America Works for only a couple of months and my situation has already drastically changed. The America Works program has been great for me. They helped me get back to work provide for myself and my family. I was previously a stay-at-home dad until I got into some trouble that led to my incarceration. The judge recommended America Works to me to help me find a job and stay out of jail. The mistake I made could have meant that I would sit in jail, with no jobs or ability to work on myself to give my family and I a better future, but instead, it led me to America Works of Maryland, Inc. My trial date has now been postponed many times without a definitive date, and all this time I could have been in jail but instead in only a short amount of time I have been able to completely change my path.

The most important aspect of the America Works program for me has been the communication. I am constantly speaking with them about ways to move forward, and they are always listening to what I want in a position. I got a tremendous amount of help creating a resume in order to apply for the right types of positions and I have been connecting with the whole team to learn about new opportunities. The staff has great resources and try to do whatever they can to help everyone they work with, treating them as they would family. After a difficult time, the encouragement and guidance of the team made me feel less alone while looking for work. I feel very hopeful for the future for me and my family, knowing that I have assistance getting back on my feet to be able to provide for them. I can honestly say America Works has helped me to better myself and I highly recommend them to anyone who needs a job that was in a situation like me.

Yours Truly,

Javon Thomas

Baltimore City, MD