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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in strong support of the Incarcerated Individual Apprenticeship Pilot Program. This initiative represents a critical step toward meaningful rehabilitation, workforce development, and long-term public safety.

Far too often, individuals who are incarcerated face significant barriers upon reentry into society—particularly when it comes to employment. Without access to marketable skills, stable income opportunities, and structured career pathways, many returning citizens are left with limited options, increasing the likelihood of recidivism. This program directly addresses that gap by providing hands-on training, industry-recognized credentials, and real-world work experience.

Apprenticeship programs are proven to be one of the most effective workforce development strategies. By introducing these opportunities within correctional settings, participants can begin building a future before they are released. This not only restores dignity and purpose, but also allows individuals to contribute positively to their families and communities upon reentry.

In addition, this program benefits employers and the broader economy. Many industries are facing skilled labor shortages, and this initiative creates a pipeline of trained, motivated workers ready to fill those roles. It is a smart investment that strengthens both our workforce and our communities.

Most importantly, the Incarcerated Individual Apprenticeship Pilot Program affirms a belief in second chances. It recognizes that people are more than their past mistakes and that, with the right tools and opportunities, they can transform their lives.

I urge you to support and invest in this program. It is a forward-thinking solution that promotes rehabilitation, reduces recidivism, and builds stronger, safer communities for us all.

Sincerely,

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