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## Bread for the World Supports the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2017

**Washington, D.C., October 4, 2017** – Bread for the World today released the following statement in support of the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2017. The statement can be attributed to Rev. David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World:

"Bread for the World urges lawmakers to support the bipartisan Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act (SRCA) of 2017. Reforming our nation's criminal justice system is critical to ending hunger and poverty in the United States. Families are directly impacted when loved ones are incarcerated, especially if they are serving unnecessarily harsh prison sentences for non-violent offenses. Returning citizens often face difficulties in securing employment, further reducing their ability to keep their families out of hunger and poverty. The SRCA would reform some overly harsh mandatory-minimum sentencing laws and better prepare people to re-enter the workforce and their communities."

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