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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid
Minority Leader, U.S. Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader McConnell and Leader Reid:

The mission of Concerned Veterans for America (CVA) is to advocate for public policies that will preserve the freedom and prosperity that we and our families proudly fought for and sacrificed to defend. We speak out on issues that threaten to damage not only our economic and national security, but also on the opportunity and liberty that all Americans cherish.

It is in that spirit that we write to convey our support for the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2015 (S. 2123). In particular, we wholeheartedly support Section 208(c), "Facilitating Re-entry Assistance to Veterans," which will assist incarcerated veterans scheduled for release from federal prison in accessing the full range of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits and services to which they are entitled.

By requiring the federal Bureau of Prisons to notify the VA of veterans in the federal prison system, and providing the VA with reasonable access to incarcerated veterans, Section 208(c) of the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act will help ensure that those veterans receive the assistance they need to successfully transition back into society. Making sure incarcerated veterans have the tools and resources they need is an important step toward closing the revolving door of prison, and facilitating the important mission of continued service to their communities.

As such, CVA urges the full Senate to move swiftly to enact this legislation, which contains language important to incarcerated veterans.

Respectfully,

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