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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
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United States Senate
S-230 Capitol Building
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Dear Majority Leader McConnell:

On behalf of the 140,000 members of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), I am writing to express NAHB's strong support for S. 2123, the Corrections Oversight, Recidivism Reduction, and Eliminating Costs for Taxpayers in Our National System (CORRECTIONS) Act.

This bill requires the Department of Justice to conduct risk assessments to classify all federal inmates and to use the results to assign inmates to appropriate recidivism reduction programs, including work and education programs, drug rehabilitation, job training, and faith-based programs.

NAHB specifically applauds the language in TITLE II for addressing job training as one way to reduce recidivism among incarcerated individuals in the federal prison system. NAHB and its educational arm, the Home Builders Institute (HBI), know firsthand the positive results and benefits that are being achieved every day in state and county correctional facilities across this country. I am confident this legislation can achieve the same results at the federal level if enacted.

For example, in Sheridan, Ill., HBI is currently training 150 individuals a day at a medium security facility. Here they are learning basic skills in carpentry, masonry, electrical, plumbing, and heating and cooling over a 14-week rolling admission program which will award them several important certificates to assist in helping them find work upon their release.

The demand for skilled construction workers has never been greater. I believe this legislation will go a long way in addressing this labor shortage while providing individuals the opportunity for a second chance for a bright future and a meaningful career.

Therefore, I urge you to bring this important legislation to the floor of the United States Senate as soon as possible for immediate consideration.

Thank you for giving consideration to our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. Tobin III", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Cc: The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman, Committee on Judiciary
The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Ranking Minority Member, Committee on Judiciary